

FAMILY PRAYERS

FOR

MORNING AND EVENING USE,

AND FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL OCCASIONS;

WITH OTHERS

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

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REV. AND DEAR SIR,

THE general estimation in which your character is held by the Church of CHRIST,—the unwearied solicitude and zeal which you have long evinced in promoting that religion which brings “*Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men,*”—and the instruction and advantages which I have personally received from your ministry and friendship, induced me to submit the following FORMS OF PRAYER *to your better judgment*; and since they have met with *your approbation*, I feel an humble confidence in *thus* presenting them to the Public. Should they be the means, through the Divine blessing, of awakening, comforting, or strengthening any person into whose hands they

may fall, I trust we shall unite in rendering all the praise to that gracious Being to whom alone it is due.

That you, Sir, may long continue to be the happy instrument of diffusing *the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the person of the Divine Redeemer*, both by your public and private ministrations,—that you may behold grace reigning triumphant in the hearts of the spiritual children whom the Lord has given you,—and that you may meet those who are now *your hope and joy, yea, your crown of rejoicing*, in the presence of the LORD JESUS, when the pangs of parting and separation shall be eternally forgotten,—is the sincere wish of many an uplifted heart, and I hope of none more fervently than of his, who esteems it his privilege to subscribe himself,

Your much obliged friend,

THE AUTHOR.

CORK, *July* 8, 1811.

PREFACE

(TO THE FIRST EDITION.)

THE following PRAYERS for the *use of Families* have been the pleasing occupation of the writer's leisure hours; and he now ventures to present them to the RELIGIOUS PUBLIC with an ardent desire that they may be attended with the blessing of God. Revelation and experience have deeply impressed his mind with a consciousness of his own inability for a performance of this nature; but he has felt throughout much encouragement from the words of the Apostle Paul, "*Our sufficiency is of God.*" To the strength, the guidance, and the teaching of the HOLY SPIRIT he has daily looked, beseeching HIM to help his infirmities, to prepare his heart, and to direct his pen; and he humbly hopes that he has not looked altogether in vain.

In the composition of these Prayers he has endeavoured to keep the *inspired volume* continually in view, desiring that the sentiments which they breathe may correspond with *its* sacred truths; and considering he BIBLE as a devotional book, consisting in a great

degree (especially the Psalms of David, and the epistles of St. Paul) of humble adorations,—contrite acknowledgments of man's guilt, his depravity, and his helplessness,—earnest supplications for mercy, pardon, and peace,—and grateful praises and thanksgivings to our REDEEMING GOD for all blessings, temporal and spiritual, public and personal,—he has frequently borrowed *its* sacred language, and he feels a confidence, that in the estimation of every *Christian mind*, the language of the BIBLE will be deemed best calculated to promote spiritual worship, to comfort the heart, and to raise the soul to heaven.

As almost every part of this great charter of grace testifies of CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,—as He is the substance of all its arguments, the Sun that gives life and vigour to the whole system, the Fountain from whence the only pure streams of spiritual light and wisdom, holiness and happiness flow,—it has been the Writer's object to make HIM the leading feature of the following pages ;—for it is the incense of His sacrifice, the value of His merits, the prevailing efficacy of His intercession, which alone can cause our prayers to ascend to the mercy-seat of our God, so as to be heard, accepted, and answered.

The Writer is well aware that the inexpediency of *Forms of Prayer* may be urged by some persons as tending to damp our inward devotion, to induce formality and indifference, and to withhold from us the opportunity of introducing suitable petitions and

thanksgivings, adapted to our peculiar circumstances, which are ever varying in this mortal life. It would be beside his present purpose to discuss this subject freely : but perhaps it will be allowed by the most strenuous advocates for *extemporaneous prayer*, that it is better to pray with an approved form than not at all, or than to use in social worship incoherent and irreverent expressions. In secret, when communing with our God, retired and alone ; the contrite sigh, the grateful effusions of the heart, offered through the Divine REDEEMER, meet with an answer of peace, and require no ornaments of speech to make them more acceptable in the sight of the *heart-searching* GOD ; but when the Master of a Family, or any one who leads the worship of the social circle, acts as a voice to others, something more seems necessary ; there should be, if extemporaneous prayer be used, a quick invention, a readiness of utterance, and a formed judgment, in order to adapt the petitions to the several circumstances and wants of the hearers ; and as some may not have these abilities, and others may not feel a confidence to put them in exercise, a scriptural Form of Prayer may assuredly be used with advantage. And though it may not enter into all the shades of difference which exist in the experience of different individuals, (which, perhaps, are known only to God and their own souls ;) yet may it not express those wants, feelings, desires, and rejoicings of the heart, which are common to all the disciples of the LORD

JESUS? "*As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man.*"

The Writer, however, has not the most remote intention of employing the feeble efforts of his pen to discountenance the exercise of extemporaneous prayer. No: where the Lord gives "*the preparation of the heart and the answer of the tongue,*" extemporaneous prayer should be encouraged. Nor does he wish to confine those who use the following forms to the exact words or the connexion in which the several petitions stand; for the Christian reader may use them merely as *helps*, and may change, enlarge, or contract, as his judgment directs. Neither does the Writer expect, or wish, by presenting this little work to the Public, to supersede the many excellent devotional forms at present in use: but as these are generally scarce and expensive, he hopes that he may not have misemployed his leisure hours, in adding to their number.* In conclusion, he would humble himself before the Throne of Grace, and pray that if these Forms speak according to "*the law and to the testimony,*" they may prove a means of spiritual benefit to the hearts of the *Writer* and of the *Reader*, and that both may unite with the Psalmist in praising God, and saying, "*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name, give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.*"

* Some Families adopt the plan of using alternately Forms of Prayer written by different authors.

ADVERTISEMENT TO THE SIXTH EDITION.

THE Author has carefully revised the former editions of the "FAMILY PRAYERS," and has introduced into this edition a Second Course for each Morning and Evening in the Week. In this fresh attempt to assist the devotions at the family altar, each form of prayer has been prepared with reference to a distinct subject connected with the Christian faith and practice; but petitions and thanksgivings adapted to the general circumstances of a family have not been omitted. The new forms of prayer may be used either in succession, or may be selected according to the subject; and, with a little variation, they may be used indiscriminately either at the morning or evening family worship.

If found inconveniently long, one or more of the paragraphs which do not stand connected with the preceding or subsequent parts may be left out.

Redland Hill, Bristol,

Nov. 25, 1831.

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OUR FATHER, which art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE LORD bless us, and keep us; the LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

PRAYERS.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O MERCIFUL LORD, from whom alone every good and perfect gift cometh, pour upon us, we humbly beseech thee, the Spirit of thy grace, that we may approach thy mercy-seat through Jesus Christ our Divine Redeemer, and make known our requests unto thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

We praise thee for the great encouragement which thou hast given us, to worship, and bow down, and kneel before thee, O Lord our Maker. We confess that we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, and are unworthy to come into thy presence; but we would draw near unto

thee, because thou hast graciously opened for us a door of access, through faith in thy beloved Son, our Saviour, and hast revealed thyself as our merciful Father in *him*. We bless thee, that through *him* thou hast sent unto thy people a full, free, and everlasting redemption, and that in thy blessed gospel thou hast promised pardon and peace to all who believe in *his* name. O Lord, we believe, help thou our unbelief. Enable us by faith to look unto JESUS, as the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS, and to receive out of *his* fulness grace to supply our wants, to conform our souls to *his* divine image, and to enrich us with all the blessings of *his* salvation.

Blessed Lord, we praise thy name for having appointed this day to be kept *holy*; for *this* is the day of *sacred rest*, which thou hast made, *this* is the *Sabbath*, the holy day of the Lord, which, in thine infinite wisdom and goodness, thou hast set apart to thyself, as a memorial of the accomplishment of the work of creation, and of the still more glorious work of redemption.

O Lord, preserve us by thy grace from abusing and profaning thy holy Sabbaths,—from wasting them in the pursuit of the unsatisfying pleasures of this world. Let us not rush into the courts of thy sanctuary without consideration, but may we worship thee *in spirit and in truth*. Let us not be satisfied to approach thee with our lips whilst our hearts are unhumbled and unclean in thy sight. But, O thou Lord of the Sabbath, look on us now in mercy. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. Pardon all our multiplied offences against thee; and give us thy grace, that we may glorify thee by the sanctification of *thy Sabbaths*, not only *outwardly* in our actions, but *inwardly* in our thoughts and affections. And thus may we find them, as thou hast designed them to be, delightful foretastes of the eternal rest prepared for all thy ransomed people.

Gracious God, meet and bless us in all our religious services this day, and whether we are engaged in *secret*, in *family*, or in *public*

worship, impart to us a holy solemnity of mind. But especially when we enter into the courts of thy sanctuary, impress us with an awful sense of thine exalted majesty and glory, and help us in every part of the services of this day, to realize thy gracious presence. Check every vain and wandering thought, and deliver us from coldness and formality in thy service. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive thy gospel, and make us joyful with fresh discoveries of the grace and truth that is in Christ Jesus. May thy word be profitable to us, being mixed with faith in our hearts, and may it be as good seed springing up and yielding the fruits of righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory.

¶ [Blessed Lord and Saviour, let thy gracious presence be especially with thy servants who shall assemble around thy table this day. Help us in that sacred ordinance to commemorate thy *dying love*. Kindle within us true repentance, lively faith, and fervent charity; and though we are unworthy to

¶ This Paragraph should be read *only* when some of the family intend to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

gather up the crumbs that fall from thy table, yet, relying on thine exceeding great and precious promises, may we approach thee with the confidence and affection that becometh thy children, and “feed upon thee in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.” And while we are refreshed with these pledges of thy love, O enable us cheerfully to yield up ourselves to thy service; and to glorify thee with our bodies and our spirits which are thine.]

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we beseech thee to bless all that wait upon thee in thy house this day, and suit thy mercies to their several wants. Clothe thy word with power, and make it effectual to the subduing of many hearts to the obedience of Christ. Awaken the careless,—humble the proud,—comfort the afflicted,—strengthen the weak; give to them that mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Bless all thy ministering servants, and especially those who labour amongst *us* in

the word and doctrine which thou hast revealed for our instruction. May they go forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace; and, being sensible of the important charge committed to them, may they be instant in season, and out of season, shewing the people their transgressions, and making known the mystery of the glorious gospel of God our Saviour. O let thine almighty power be manifested, and let thy truth have free course and be glorified.

Accept these our prayers and supplications, we humbly beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee, O Heavenly Father, and thee, O Eternal Spirit, the Comforter and Sanctifier of the church of God, we desire to unite with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect, in ascribing all glory, honour, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY !
who humblest thyself to listen to the adoration of the heavenly hosts above : How infinitely great is thy condescension in regarding the feeble thanksgivings and supplications of sinful mortals. But thy ways are not as our ways, neither are thy thoughts as our thoughts. Thou hast of thy goodness made known to us the mysteries of thy grace. Thou hast revealed thyself as delighting in mercy, and as being glorified in the salvation of sinners through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Enable us to take shelter in this thine appointed refuge ; that we may find pardon and acceptance with thee, and that our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise may ascend up before thee, perfumed with the incense of his merits, and be heard, and accepted, and obtain an answer of peace.

We bless thy name for having placed our dwelling where the bright beams of thy

glorious gospel shine forth; and for the many seasons and means of grace which thou hast afforded us. We bless thee especially for the opportunities we have enjoyed *this day* of waiting upon thee in the ordinances of thine own appointment. But, O Lord our God, the review of even *this day* fills us with shame and confusion of face; for alas! what coldness of affection, what wandering of thought, what want of reverence, of love, and of gratitude, have we betrayed in all our religious services! Surely we are altogether unprofitable servants.

But we desire now humbly to cast ourselves at thy footstool, beseeching thee, O Lord, for Christ's sake, to pardon all our iniquity, yea, the iniquity of our *holy things*. Wash us in the fountain of his atoning blood,—clothe us with the robe of his justifying righteousness,—and sanctify our hearts by the purifying grace of his Spirit. O shine upon our souls, and give us clearer views of the *truth as it is in Jesus*. And may it influence our tempers and dispositions, our life

and conduct, that in all things we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Gracious Lord, let not the word of thy truth, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, return unto thee void. Enlighten our understandings, and open our hearts to receive it in love and in power. Grant that we may not only “read and mark,” but also “learn and inwardly digest” those holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Make known unto us his power and glory, and may we find in *him* all our fresh springs of grace and strength, of consolation and joy.

Blessed Lord, hear the prayers which have been offered up this day for all sorts and conditions of men. To thee the secrets of their hearts are open, and thou knowest their several characters and wants. Strengthen those who are weak in faith,—comfort the afflicted in body or in mind,—instruct the ignorant,—take away the heart of stone, and

cause the impenitent sinner to cry unto thee for mercy. Inspire continually thy universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Bless the labours of all thy ministering servants. May the seed which they have sown bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of thy grace. And, O God, let thy ways be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations; let both Jews and Gentiles be gathered into the Redeemer's kingdom; and let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from all iniquity.

We now commit ourselves into thy care and fatherly protection. Watch over us during the night season, and refresh our wearied bodies with sleep; and if it be consistent with thy good pleasure, raise us up in health and safety to enjoy the light of *another day*. O Lord, establish thy kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, within our hearts. Water our souls with the dew of thy blessing; that we may grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and be enabled to hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast to the end.

Blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be thy glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with thy glory. *Amen, and Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

MONDAY MORNING,

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD! thou art the inexhaustible Fountain of wisdom, of truth, and of mercy: Grant us thy HOLY SPIRIT, that we may draw nigh unto thee, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord, to worship at thy footstool, and to praise thee for thy goodness and mercy vouchsafed to us.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to shew forth thy loving kind

ness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Day after day presents fresh instances of thy tender compassion towards us. We have been protected by thee during the past night:—we have been refreshed with comfortable sleep,—and are now permitted, with the renewed gift of life and health, to behold the light of another morning, and to spread before thy mercy-seat all our wants and desires. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name!

But how should we venture into thine awful presence, O Lord God Almighty, or take thy sacred name within our lips? We are guilty, corrupt, and helpless creatures. Our souls cleave unto the dust, and even our secret sins, which are unknown to others, and which our own deceitful hearts excuse or make light of, are all seen by thee, and expose us to thine anger and condemnation. But, for ever adored be thy name, mercy rejoiceth against judgment, and through the atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness of

Jesus Christ our Lord, thou art reconciled to all who come unto thee in this thine appointed way ; for thy word declares, that there is redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, enable us to flee for refuge to this hope that is set before us in Christ Jesus ; help us to feel our need of him, and to discern the all-sufficiency of his salvation. And as thou hast, -with thy holy arm, exalted thy beloved Son to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins, we would implore from his grace that repentance which is not to be repented of—that true conviction of sin—that genuine sorrow and contrition of heart, which proceeds from a sense of redeeming love,—and that pardon which he bestows, that we may forsake sin and every thing that is contrary to thy holy word. O give us humbled and contrite hearts ; and come and dwell in us according to thy promise. Though we have been afar off from

thee, our God, yet we would draw nigh to thee by the blood of Christ. May we no longer be strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. Arm us with the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. Enable us to fight the good fight of faith, and to resist all our spiritual enemies, to overcome our numerous temptations, to mortify our sinful habits, and to abound in all the graces of the Christian life.

We now commend to thy protection and mercy our dear relatives and friends. May thy grace and peace be with them. Bless all who love our LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity. Strengthen the weak in faith. Comfort those who are afflicted in body or mind. Enable them to look unto Him who bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Bring home to thy fold such as still wander from thy ways, that they may attend to the things which belong to their peace, before they be for ever hidden from their eyes. Bless the ministers of thine everlasting gospel.

Make them zealous for thy glory, and the happy instruments of turning many to righteousness. Bless the King whom thy providence has set over us, and all who are put in authority under him. Direct their measures to the maintenance of peace, the furtherance of Divine truth, and the advancement of the Redeemer's glory, both at home and among the nations of the earth. And, O Lord, enlarge thy church and purify it by thy grace, that it may be unto thee a praise in the whole earth. May false religion, superstition, and self-righteousness perish at thy feet, and may the knowledge of thy Name and of thy salvation cover the earth, as the waters cover the depths of the sea.

Accept in mercy, O heavenly Father, these our supplications and prayers. Send down an answer of peace, and do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, through JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest and Advocate: To whom with thee, O Heavenly FATHER, and thee, O ETERNAL SPIRIT, one GOD in three Persons, the God

of our salvation, be glory and honour from all creatures in heaven and on earth, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven; &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O THOU INFINITELY GLORIOUS AND MERCIFUL LORD GOD! thou art worthy to receive glory, honour, and power from all thy creatures, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Help us, we beseech thee, to close this day with that self-abasement and humiliation of soul at thy footstool, which becomes us as sinful creatures.

O Lord, when we examine into our own hearts and lives, how ill do we appear to requite thy goodness! We confess that we are sinners both by nature and by practice. We have erred and strayed from thy ways

like lost sheep, and have preferred the vanities and follies of this transitory world to thy favour. Yea, even since the blessings of salvation, through our crucified Redeemer, have been set before us, how often have we given way to an evil heart of unbelief!—how often have we abused the mercy which we still implore, and forsaken the fountain of living waters, in order to seek happiness from the broken cisterns of earthly enjoyments and possessions!

Surely it is of thy mercies that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not! Thou art still the unchangeable God, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. Thou hast set no bounds to thy mercy; but dost magnify the freeness and fulness of thy grace, by never despising the contrite sighs, nor rejecting the humble petitions of those who call upon thee through the merits of thy dear Son. O Lord God, for his sake, we again implore thy pardoning grace. Thou knowest our iniquities, for they are not hid from thee. Remember them not against us,

but according to thy mercy in Christ Jesus, remember thou us, O Lord. Wash away our guilt in the fountain that is opened in his precious blood. Cover us with the robe of his justifying righteousness, and sanctify us by the purifying influences of his HOLY SPIRIT. So that being *washed*, and *justified*, and *sanctified* in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by the SPIRIT of our GOD, we may have comfortable evidence that thou hast adopted us into thy family, and bestowed upon us the glorious privileges of thy children.

Gracious God! we have from sad experience, great cause to lament our departure from thee, and our insufficiency to help ourselves. We need thy support, and thy guidance, in all time of our wealth and prosperity, as well as in every hour of sorrow and temptation. Leave us not to follow the devices and desires of our own deceitful hearts. Quicken our souls which cleave to the dust. Renew them after thine own image. And may thy glory be our great

object, aim, and end. O that we **may** live in holy communion and fellowship with thee, and have some foretaste of that blessedness which is to be enjoyed hereafter around the throne of the Lamb.

Into thy hands, O Lord, our heavenly Father; we now commend ourselves, and all that belongs to us, this night. Thou art the keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest. May we lay ourselves down in peace and take our rest, remembering that it is thou alone who makest us to dwell in safety. And, should we be in mercy permitted to see another day, may we be thankful for thy continued goodness to us, and may we grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. Every blessing we ask for his sake, who, in compassion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

MOST HOLY, BLESSED, AND GLORIOUS LORD God! in whom we live, and move, and have our being: How great is thy condescension and grace, that thou shouldest look down with loving-kindness and compassion upon the children of men; and shouldest even deign to dwell with those who are of an humble and contrite spirit! O God, enable us to approach thee with unfeigned humility and contrition of heart,—truly sensible of our own sinfulness and helplessness,—and pleading the atoning sacrifice of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, which alone can speak mercy, pardon, and peace to our guilty souls.

O Lord, thou knowest our wants and our miseries. We can do nothing good of ourselves, nor can we sufficiently lament the corruption that fills our hearts. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. Turn thou us, and so shall we be turned. Exhibit before us the grace and the glory

which are in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and which are communicated through him to all that believe on his name. O grant that confiding in him as the LORD our Righteousness, we may find real peace and joy of soul, even that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory.

And as, by the sacrifice of thy beloved Son on the cross, thou hast manifested thine utter hatred of sin, and thy love of holiness; help us, O God of our salvation, to abhor that which is evil, and to cleave to that which is good. Subdue every rebellious thought that exists within us. Mortify in us every sinful inclination. Shed abroad in our hearts the love of Christ by thy Holy Spirit, and clothe us with the spirit of humility, love, and self-denial. Suffer us not, O Lord, to set our affections inordinately upon any created good. May we always recollect that every earthly enjoyment is transitory and unsatisfying,—that this is not our place of rest,—and that we are seeking a city which is eternal in the heavens, whose builder and maker is God; and having our hope fixed

on the Lord Jesus Christ, may we purify ourselves even as he is pure.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, hear our prayers in behalf of all sorts and conditions of men, from the king on the throne to the poorest of his subjects. Endue him whom thy providence hath set over us, as our King and Governor, with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Instruct all our senators, and direct their measures to the advancement of thy glory, and the promotion of true religion in the world. Take under thy fatherly care all who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate. In the painful visitations of thy providence, may they hear the still small voice of love and mercy speaking peace to their souls, and leading them to the consideration of those things that belong to their everlasting peace.

O thou great Head of the Church, enlarge the borders of thy kingdom in this world. Make thy ways known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Be gracious to

thy people Israel. Cause them to look unto *him* whom their fathers have pierced, and to mourn with godly sorrow. Hasten the time when heathen abominations shall cease; and when the fulness of the gentiles shall be brought in. Vouchsafe thy special blessing to that part of the Church of Christ which has been planted in this country. Water it with the dew of thy heavenly grace, that those who bear thy name may not be unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Enable thy people to walk in wisdom and prudence toward them that are without; and to be kindly affectioned one to another, bearing each other's burdens, and forgiving one another as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven them.

But while we are imploring these blessings upon the church at large, O Lord, let none of us deceive ourselves. Enable us sincerely to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith, and whether our faith worketh by love to thee and all mankind, and overcometh the world. Leave us not under

any delusion in these momentous points. Let thy HOLY SPIRIT establish us in the faith and love of thy name, and carry on the work of grace in our souls. May we thus be living members of the Church militant on earth, and be trained up for the Church triumphant in heaven.

Hear these our prayers and supplications, for thy mercy's sake ; and enable us to begin on earth our eternal song, by ascribing blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O THOU INCOMPREHENSIBLE LORD GOD! in whose sight all things are naked and open, and who knowest the state and character of every individual before thee; let not any of us approach thee with our lips, or in form only, while our hearts are estranged from thy grace and love; but enable us, under a deep conviction of our own guilt and helplessness, to draw nigh unto thee in faith and hope, pleading the meritorious name and perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Without this way of access into thy presence, we could not presume to lift up our eyes unto thee. We must have been cast off for ever, and bound in chains of eternal darkness. But, gracious God, encouraged by the revelation of thy mercy in CHRIST, we desire now to humble ourselves at thy footstool with contrition and self-abasement,

and to take shelter in Him, acknowledging that there is salvation in no other.

O thou HOLY SPIRIT, whose office it is to glorify the Lord Jesus, by taking the things which are *his*, and revealing them to the hearts of thy people; help us not only to discern *his personal glory*, and to confess before men that HE is our LORD and our GOD; but likewise to know *his mediatorial fulness*; that he was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in *him*. Enable us to resign ourselves to his gracious authority and wise dispensations; making him the sole object of our faith and hope,—of our love and joy; and yielding ourselves to the guidance of his word and providence. Let *him* be the first object of our thoughts in the morning, and the last at night; that so by *looking unto Jesus* from day to day, and by walking in his footsteps, we may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Blessed be thy name, O God, for the rich treasures of thy word, and for the exceeding

great and precious promises with which it abounds. Enable us to believe them, and to wait with patience for their accomplishment through CHRIST JESUS, in whom they are all *Yea and Amen*. And, O God the SPIRIT, by whose divine inspiration the holy Scriptures were written, teach us to know thy mind therein, and to have a right judgment of every part of thy blessed word. May we make it the subject of our daily study, and do thou render it our constant delight; gladden our hearts with a full discovery of the grace which it reveals; and grant that we may daily become more obedient to its sacred precepts,—more humble, more heavenly-minded, more self-denying; till in heart and life we are altogether conformed to thy holy mind and will.

Look down, O Lord, in mercy upon thy whole church: May it be established, strengthened, and settled in the faith of the everlasting gospel. Carry on the work of thy grace among the children of men. Let

there be added daily to thy church such as shall be saved. Send forth the glad tidings of great joy to heathen and mahometan lands : Regard in mercy thine own ancient people Israel : And hasten the time when the wilderness shall be turned into the garden of the Lord, and when all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

And now, O heavenly Father, while we bless thee for all the mercies of the past day, we beseech thee to renew thy mercies to us, and to spread thy protecting wing over us, during the dark and silent hours of the night. And should it please thee to raise us up in health and safety to see the light of another day, lift up also the light of thy countenance upon us ; that we may walk before the Lord in the light of the living. Hear these our imperfect petitions, which we offer through the prevailing merits of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. For his sake, take away all our iniquity ; receive us graciously, love us freely, and sanctify us wholly ; and unto thy name, Father, Son,

and Spirit, the TRIUNE JEHOVAH, be ascribed everlasting praise. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO ART, AND WAST, AND ART TO COME! thy name is most holy, and thy glory reacheth above the heavens. Wherewith shall we come before thee, and bow ourselves in thy sacred presence. We adore thee, that through thy beloved Son thou hast opened the way to the throne of grace, and hast declared thyself to be rich in mercy to all that call upon thee. In *him* all thine attributes harmonise; by *him* thy law is magnified and made honourable, and thy justice is satisfied; and through *him* thy mercy flows down upon a guilty world!

Great and glorious God, we are individually and unitedly bound to give thee our fervent thanks, because thy hands have made us, thy power preserves us, and thou givest us all things richly to enjoy. It is of thy goodness that we have not spent a wearisome night, full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of the day; yea, it is because thou hast sustained us, that we have not slept the sleep of death. Thou hast lightened our eyes again, and hast caused the outgoings of the morning, as well as of the evening, to rejoice over us. We adore thee, O God, for thy goodness, wisdom, and power, displayed in our creation. We adore thee that in times of danger thou hast been our shield and our defence against the multiplied evils and calamities, in which many others have been involved. But in an especial manner we adore thee for thine unspeakable mercy and everlasting love, displayed in sending thy BELOVED SON to be the propitiation for our sins; and that thou hast made peace through the blood of his

cross, by him to reconcile sinners unto thyself.

Merciful Father, make us sensible that we are not worthy of the least of all thy mercies; and grateful that thy loving-kindness is ever more and more towards us. Help us to own thy providence in all our concerns, and to bless the hand that overrules to our good all the afflictions and trials of this mortal life. And may we trace up all our streams of earthly and spiritual comfort to the fountain of eternal love in Christ Jesus.

O thou HOLY SPIRIT, whose office it is to take of the things of Christ, and show them with power to our souls; discover to us more and more of the all-sufficiency of the Lord Jesus; and of the endearing offices and relations which he sustains towards his people. May we know him as our life and peace, our wisdom and righteousness, our sanctification and redemption, our refuge, and the rock of our strength.

Blessed Lord, put thy fear into our hearts. Give us an understanding to know

thy will in all things, and grace to perform the same. Enable us to gain the victory over our besetting sins. Wean our affections from the things of time and sense. Put the world, the flesh, and the devil under our feet. And enable us to glorify thee with our bodies, our souls, and our spirits, which are thine. Help us to reflect that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of CHRIST, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot. May our walk and conduct prove that we are his true disciples; may we walk in his steps, and run with enlarged hearts in the way of his commandments.

We now make our supplications unto thee, O Lord, in behalf of our dear relations and friends. May they all be dear to thee. Have mercy on those who are ignorant of themselves and of thee; who neither see nor feel the guilt and corruption of their nature; and are therefore unhumbled before thee, and alienated from thee. Enlighten their dark minds by thy word and Spirit; and

make them wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Be gracious, also, to those who have received a good hope through thy grace. Establish their faith, animate their hope, increase their love, and fix their affections where true joys are to be found. And while the door of mercy is yet open, cause sinners of every description to flee to *him* who delivereth from the wrath to come. O Lord, let the word of thy truth have free course and be glorified; let the borders of thy church be enlarged; and let every tongue, and kindred, and people, unite in praising the God of their salvation.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, for the sake of him who hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our righteousness; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter, be ascribed the kingdom, the power, and the glory, both now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O BLESSED GOD! who lookest down with compassion and tender mercy on sinners who prostrate themselves before the footstool of thy grace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour: Dispose us to direct our prayer unto thee, and to look up for thy blessing.

Praised be thy name for all the dispensations of thy providence towards us, and for the suitable provision which thou makest, day after day, for the supply of all our temporal wants. But above all, praised be thy name that, though we are guilty and miserable creatures, thou hast not shut us up in despair; but hast sent to us that glorious gospel in which thou hast brought life and immortality to light; and hast encouraged us to enter into thine immediate presence by the blood of JESUS, by a new and living way which he has consecrated for us, through the rent veil of his crucified body.

We now come before thee, pleading his *merits and righteousness for our acceptance at the throne of grace*; and we pray that the life which we now live in the flesh may be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. May we be conformed to his divine image; and as he who hath called us is holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation. Clothe us with humility; may we sit continually at the feet of our blessed Saviour, that we may be taught by him the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and give to each of us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in thy sight is of great price. Deliver us from the love of this present evil world, and make us ever to remember the awful declaration, that "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Cast down every high imagination within us that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought, to the obedience of Christ. May

we be constrained by discoveries of his boundless love, cheerfully to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. *May we indeed prove to all around us that we are the followers of the Lamb; that we have partaken of his Spirit; and that the genuine fruits of it are manifested in our tempers, our actions, and our whole conversation.*

Enable us, O our God, in whatsoever state we are placed, therewith to be content. In every trouble or affliction cause us to look to him, who for our sakes became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich. And in every condition of life, keep us *looking unto* JESUS, our compassionate High Priest, who is ever touched with a feeling of the infirmities of his people, and will not suffer them to be tempted above what they are able to bear.

Gracious God, we bless thee for the mercies of the day past. How many comforts and advantages do we enjoy which

are denied to others! Not only have we health, and strength, and all things needful for the support of our bodies, but thou dost exercise the tenderest forbearance towards us, *in still sparing us, and setting before us the rich blessings of thy grace.* Manifest, we pray thee, thy redeeming love to our souls, and comfort us with the joy of thy salvation. O Lord, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits to us? We will rejoice in thy salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

We commend to thy merciful protection our bodies and souls this night. Sleeping or waking, living or dying, we would be thine. Lord, keep us, and all who are near and dear to us, from every danger, and surround us by thy power, that no evil may happen to us. Impart all those blessings which we have been asking for ourselves, to our friends and relations also; and may they and we receive, from time to time, all needful direction, strength, and consolation, out of the fulness of that grace which is treasured

up in Christ Jesus ; in whose name and words we sum up all our petitions, saying,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU ETERNAL AND UNCHANGEABLE JEHOVAH ! who dwellest in light which no mortal eye can behold ; and dost from thy sanctuary look down on the things that are in heaven and earth : We adore thee that thou hast, in the riches of thy grace, opened a new and living way whereby sinners may draw nigh to thee, and find thee to be a just God and yet a Saviour ; able and willing to save to the uttermost all who come unto thee through thine INCARNATE SON.

O God, when we contemplate thine infinite holiness and purity, and our own sinfulness and depravity, we have reason to

loathe and abhor ourselves, and to repent in dust and ashes. O Lord our heavenly Father, we mourn over and bewail at thy footstool, those sins which we from time to time have most grievously committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.

But unto thee, O Lord, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have sinned and rebelled against thee. We bless thee that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from *all* sin; that he has made reconciliation for iniquity, and has brought in everlasting righteousness; and that thy word, which cannot err, declares, that “ whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life;” that “ though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; and though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!”

O thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, cleanse us from our sins in thy most precious blood: O Lord God of our salvation, clothe us with the spotless

robe of thy righteousness ; that being pardoned, and justified, and accepted, through thy merits and mediation, we may have joy and peace in believing.

And do thou, O Holy and Eternal SPIRIT, enable us, by our life and conversation, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we prove to those around us that we are the children of light ; that we are sitting for instruction at the feet of the LORD JESUS ; that we have received his precepts, are influenced by his grace, are following his example, and are pressing forward to his kingdom. Preserve us from imbibing the spirit and temper of those who fear not thee ; and do thou increase within us the faith, the fear, and the love of thy holy name. Suffer us not to place our security in an arm of flesh ; but teach us ever to look for help where alone it is to be found, in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Grant that being united to him by a living faith, we may obtain victory over the corruptions of our hearts, the temptations of Satan, and

the sinful cares and allurements of the world. Let the language of our souls ever be—
“Behold! God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid: for the **LORD JEHOVAH** is our strength and our song; he also is become our salvation!”

Into thy hands we commend ourselves, and all that belong to us, this day. We are short-sighted creatures, and know not what a day may bring forth. Keep us under the shelter of thine Almighty wings. Guide and direct us continually by thy counsel, until thou has brought us to thy glory.

O Lord, we thank thee for thy protection during the night-season; and for the multiplied favours, both of providence and grace, which thy bounty continually heaps upon us. We are not worthy of the least of thy mercies. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the other blessings of this life, which thou hast given us richly to enjoy; but above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son; for the word of

thy gospel; for the promise of thy SPIRIT; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory. O Lord, help us to show forth our gratitude, not merely with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness and holiness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise of the glory of thy name.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, and whilst thou hearest, have mercy upon us. Pardon the iniquity of our holy offerings; and in all things enable us to say,—“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be the praise; for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth’s sake.”

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, the glorious, unchangeable, and eternal JEHOVAH, be ascribed by us on earth, as by angels and glorified saints in heaven, everlasting praise!
Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O BLESSED LORD ! thou art slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth, and thy mercy endureth for ever : Enable us, by thy Holy Spirit, to draw nigh to thy mercy-seat with humility and reverence, through Jesus Christ our Mediator ; that we may lay before thee our many wants ; and may praise thy glorious name for thine unceasing favours to us, both of a temporal and spiritual nature.

GREAT GOD, the remembrance of our manifold transgressions against thee, makes us dread to approach thy Divine Majesty. THOU art the eternal JEHOVAH, who art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity ; whereas we are sinful dust and ashes. If thou shouldest enter into judgment with us, either for our thoughts, our words, or our actions, we could not answer thee, but must lay our hands upon our mouths, and cry out, “ Woe unto us, for we are

undone ; because we are men of unclean lips, and we dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.”

But thou art **GOD** and not man,—thou changest not, therefore are we not consumed. Thy ways are higher than our ways, and thy thoughts than our thoughts ; even as the heavens are higher than the earth. Yea, great as our sins and provocations have been, greater, far greater is thy mercy in Christ Jesus. Thou art a reconciled Father and Friend to the very chief of sinners that come unto thee with faith in *his* name, who has satisfied the righteous demands of thy justice, and has died to redeem us to God by his blood.

Merciful Lord, remove from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and unbelief of the truth as it is in Jesus. Enlighten our understandings, and influence our hearts, that we may behold and admire the freeness and the perfection of his great salvation. Clothe us in the garments of the Redeemer's righteousness ; and enable us, with thine

adopted children, to call thee our Father and our God. And grant that a constraining view of his boundless love, and of the invaluable price that has purchased our salvation, may cause us to surrender our hearts, our souls, our bodies, our all, to the service of the Lord. May it be seen that we are Christians, not only in name, but in reality ; that we have not only the form of godliness, but its power also ; and that we have not only received the doctrines, but are endeavouring to follow in the footsteps of the blessed Jesus. Enable us to carry religion into every relation of life ; that wherever our sphere of duty extends, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we supplicate thy mercy in behalf of all mankind. Be graciously pleased to bless and preserve the king whom thy providence has set over us. Grant to him, and to all who are put in authority under him, grace, to reign with wisdom and justice ; and to set

an example of godliness and virtue to thy people. Look down in mercy upon the whole state of thy holy church militant on earth. May the standard of the cross be erected in all lands, and may all nations and tongues flow unto it. May sinners every-where lay down the arms of their rebellion, and become good soldiers of Christ Jesus; and may all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Heal the divisions of thy people; kindle within them a lively zeal for thy glory; and grant that they may unite with one heart, as well as in one faith, to hasten the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer.

Almighty God, into thy protecting arms we commit ourselves, and all that we have, this night. Thou hast created the darkness for rest, as well as the light for labour. Grant us quiet and refreshing repose, and let no harm come nigh our dwelling. O may our sleep remind us of the last sleep of death, and our beds of the awful bed of the grave, to which we are hastening. May we

be always ready, since we know not the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man cometh. O Lord, impress our minds with a full conviction of the certainty and nearness of this event. May we be taught by the Holy Spirit to know the things that belong to our everlasting peace, that when the hour of death arrives, we may, with a firm confidence in thy promises, fall asleep in JESUS, looking forward to the morning of the resurrection, with a good hope that we shall then awake in his likeness, and enter into the joy of our Lord.

Hear us, gracious Father, and send down an answer of peace to these our supplications, for the sake of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ ; whom, with thee and the eternal Spirit, we adore as the God of our salvation, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

MOST BLESSED LORD! thou hast declared in thy holy word, that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, there thou art in the midst of them. We plead this promise, and beseech thee to deal with us according to thy mercy, and to prepare our hearts by thy Holy Spirit to worship at thy footstool.

We presume not to come before thee, O Lord, trusting in our own strength or righteousness. We are full of weakness and sin; our wisdom is earthly and sensual,—our hearts are prone to evil,—and our very best actions are stained with imperfection. But, merciful God! guilty, weak, and helpless as we are, it is our comfort, yea, our unspeakable joy, that with thee there is plenteous redemption; and that thine arms are widely extended to receive every returning penitent who seeks for mercy in thine appointed way. May a view of the Cross fill our souls with hope and

consolation; and may we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. May we, beholding by faith the sufferings of the Lamb of God, mourn over and abhor those sins which pierced him; and reflecting upon his amazing love in dying for the guilty, may we love him in sincerity, and be enabled with truth to say, as thy penitent Apostle did, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that we love thee!" May we be conformed to the image of our Redeemer in all things,—in his purity and self-denial,—his meekness and humility,—his love to man,—and his submission to thy will. O Lord, thou alone canst give us ability for these things; thou knowest whereof we are made; thou rememberest that we are but dust. Let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness; and, being upheld by thy Spirit, may we glorify thy holy name in all our life and conversation.

O Father of mercies, we have abundant cause to praise thee for the many temporal

as well as spiritual blessings which we enjoy. In thee we live, and move, and have our being. Thou hast brought us through unseen dangers, and preserved us to this day under the shadow of thine almighty wings. And while some of our fellow-creatures are languishing on the bed of sickness, and afflicted with pain and want, we enjoy health, and ease, and plenty :—While others are breathing their last, perhaps in the depths of despair, or in fatal ignorance of thy blessed gospel, we are the monuments of thy forbearing mercy, and thou dost continue to bless us with spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. O Lord, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits? Enable us to shew forth our gratitude to thee, not merely with our lips, but also in our lives; by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of thy grace.

O Lord, prepare us by every dispensation of thy providence, and by thy heavenly grace, for that awful day when we must all stand

before the judgment-seat of Christ. Enable us to realize the scene, when the heavens shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed ;—and seeing that these things will assuredly come to pass, let us consider what manner of persons we ought to be, in all holy conversation and godliness ! May we give diligence to make our calling and election sure ; and may our conversation be in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Hear us, O Lord God of our salvation, and do for us above all that we can ask or think, for Christ's sake, who, in compassion to our manifold infirmities, hath taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O THOU GOD OF ALL GRACE AND MERCY ! who hast so loved this fallen world, that thou hast given thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life : Enable us, through him, to draw nigh unto thy mercy-seat with humble hope and filial confidence ; that we may obtain the supply of all our wants out of that infinite fulness of grace which is treasured up in him.

O Almighty God, who resistest the proud, but givest grace to the humble, we beseech thee to humble us in our own sight. Strip us of every thought that would exalt itself against thy rich and sovereign grace. Discover to us our utter helplessness, and our innumerable acts of rebellion against thee. O let us never try to dissemble or palliate our guilt ; but do thou bow down our hearts in the deepest self-abasement ; that we may with true humility, and not with feigned lips, confess, “ against

thee, thee only have we sinned, and done evil in thy sight. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions."

Most gracious God, we adore thee, that though we are cut off from all hope of acceptance with thee on account of any thing we have done or ever can do,—yet, that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing unto mankind their trespasses. Therefore, on the CRUCIFIED JESUS,—that tried corner-stone,—that sure foundation laid in Sion, we build all our hopes of acceptance with thee; for he is our merciful High Priest, who has presented the perfect sacrifice of himself upon the altar of the cross,—he is our all-sufficient Advocate, who perpetually appears before thy throne on high, to make intercession for us,—he is the propitiation for our sins, and his blood speaketh mercy, pardon, and peace to the believing soul. O Lord, let a sense of thine unspeakable love be shed abroad in our

hearts by the Holy Ghost ; let it call forth our gratitude and praise to thee ; and may it constrain us to employ our time and talents in thy service and to thy glory.

Enable us to exercise unfeigned love to the brethren, and forbearance and patience under injuries towards all. Set before us continually the example of the meek and lowly JESUS ; who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners. May it be our constant endeavour, to walk even as he walked ; and thus may we go on from strength to strength, till, with all the ransomed of the Lord, we at length appear before our God in the heavenly Sion.

And now, gracious Father, we commend to thy mercy all who are united to us by the ties of kindred or friendship. Be favourable to them ; protect them from all evil ; surround them with the mercies of thy providence ; and enrich them with the blessings of thy covenant love in Christ Jesus. Look on the face of thine Anointed, and for his sake visit them with thy

salvation ; and, O God, in tender compassion stretch out thine arm to save those whom thou knowest to be under the power of their spiritual enemies. Shew them the dreadful precipice on which they stand ; suffer them not to fall into the pit of destruction ; lead them into the way of peace ; and enable them to fly for refuge to the Saviour of sinners, that they may obtain pardoning mercy through him. And we pray thee to diffuse the light of thy glorious gospel among the children of men throughout the whole world. O Lord, hasten the time when all shall know thee, from the least even to the greatest : when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ : and when thou, O Jehovah, shalt reign as the Most High over all the earth.

Take us under thy protection this night. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Refresh our wearied bodies with comfortable sleep ; and if thou permittest us to see the light of

another day, may we rise in the morning with grateful hearts for thy goodness to us; and may we live day by day to the glory of thy name. May we continually derive from thee, the inexhaustible fountain of grace and truth, such manifestations of the glory of the great salvation which has been wrought out by thine INCARNATE SON, as may encourage us to run with patience the race which is set before us, until we finish our course, and enter into the joy of our Lord. In his name, and all-prevailing merits, we further address thee as

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING

O EVER-BLESSED GOD! we draw near to thy mercy-seat this morning in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. But forasmuch as we are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing good of ourselves, and as all our sufficiency is of thee, we beseech thee to pour down thy Holy Spirit upon us, and to behold us in thy BELOVED SON; that we may approach thy throne of grace with humble confidence in his merits, and may obtain mercy for the past, and grace to help us in this and every future time of need.

Heavenly Father! it becomes us to draw near to thee with the deepest self-abasement and contrition of heart; for, alas! how often have we broken thy precepts, in thought, word, and deed; how often have we abused our privileges; yea, how often have we requited thy richest favours with the basest ingratitude. Surely the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. But thou art

long-suffering and plenteous in goodness, and thy mercy is very great. Through Jesus the Son of thy love, thou hast sent redemption unto thy people; thou hast commanded thy covenant for ever; holy and reverend is thy name.

We beseech thee, O Lord our God, for the sake of thy Beloved Son, not to remember against us our sins and our iniquities; but to write thy laws on our hearts, and to enable us to walk worthy of the high vocation wherewith we are called. Conscious of our own weakness, we come to thee for grace and strength; that we may obtain the victory over our corruptions, and may withstand the various temptations, and bear up under the many trials to which we are exposed. If thou be for us, who can be against us? Thou canst arm us with the sword of the Spirit, and the shield of faith, and thus make us to prove more than conquerors through him that hath loved us. O strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inner man.

Mortify all our evil desires and inclinations. Weaken our attachment to the perishing enjoyments of this world. Set our affections on things above. Endue us with humility; and in every state wherein we may be placed, teach us therewith to be content.

Take under thy protection and guidance those for whom we are in duty bound to pray. If any among them are weak in faith, do thou strengthen and settle them;—if any are afflicted and poor, do thou comfort and enrich them with the unsearchable riches of Christ;—if any are at a distance from thee, or halting between two opinions, bring them nigh through the blood of the Cross, and enable them to choose that good part which shall never be taken away from them. And, O Lord, add daily to thy church such as shall be saved. Send thy gospel to the dark places of the earth. Clothe it with power; and hasten the time when Jews and Gentiles shall be gathered into one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lord.

And now, blessed Lord, we would not

rise from our knees without offering to thee our tribute of praise for all thy mercies and loving-kindness to us; for thou art the Author and Giver of every good thing that we possess. If our houses have been filled with plenty, and our lives preserved in time of danger, surely it is thy goodness that holdeth up our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. If we know the truth as it is in JESUS, and have found acceptance in the Beloved,—it is thy grace, O Lord, that hath made us willing in the day of thy power. If we have been enabled to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, and if our wandering feet have been kept from the paths of sin,—it is thy almighty grace which has obtained for us the victory. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy Name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

Vouchsafe to us, we pray thee, a continuance of thy mercies. Carry on the good work which we trust thou hast begun

in our hearts, until the day of the Lord Jesus. Then may we appear arrayed in white robes, even in the garments of our Redeemer's righteousness; and find an abundant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD! who art exalted far above the praises even of the heavenly hosts; how great is thy mercy in opening a way for lost sinners to approach thee, and to spread their wants before thy footstool.

Great God ! we might justly have been left under thy wrath for our ingratitude and rebellion, having no way to escape, had not thine own arm brought salvation. Thou hast sent thine INCARNATE SON to seek and to save the guilty, and hast revealed thyself in him as a just God, and the justifier of the believer in JESUS ; a just God, and yet the Saviour of sinners. O Lord, save us, we beseech thee. We fall as guilty sinners at the footstool of thy mercy ; loathing ourselves in our own sight, on account of our iniquities. We renounce all dependence on any merits of our own, for in us dwelleth no good thing. We plead thy promises, and offer before thee no other sacrifice or righteousness, but the all-sufficient sacrifice and spotless righteousness of thy BELOVED SON, in whom thou art ever well-pleased.

O thou HOLY SPIRIT ! who dost convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment ;—discover to us the pride of our nature, and the alienation of our hearts

from God. Take of the things of Christ, and exhibit them before us, in all their fulness and sufficiency. Cause us to renounce our own wisdom and righteousness; and to be willing to receive pardon, and the hope of eternal life, as the gift of free unmerited mercy, through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew right spirits within us. Subdue our corrupt desires; and set our affections on heavenly things.

While passing through this wilderness, we would look up to thee, Lord Jesus, day by day, as our heavenly Shepherd. We have often erred and strayed from thy fold; yet now again we return unto thee, hungry and thirsty, weak and defenceless, diseased and perishing. O may we hear thy voice and follow thee; may we feed on thy precious promises; may we drink of the waters of life; may we be supported by thy grace; and enjoy thy favour. And if thou, O Lord, seest it necessary to visit us with diseases, disappointments, or crosses of any

kind ; give us resignation and submission to thy blessed will. Enable us to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith ; and may we know that all things work together for good to them who love thy name, to them who are the called according to thy purpose.

With humble and heartfelt thanks for the mercies of the day that is past, we implore thy gracious protection during the dark and silent watches of the night. O thou keeper of Israel, who never slumberest nor sleepest, be thou about our path, and about our bed. Defend us from all dangers ; refresh our wearied bodies with sleep ; and if it should please thee to raise us up to behold the light of the returning sun, let us arise with thankful hearts, remembering that the day is the Sabbath of the Lord. O may our minds be solemnized, and may we rejoice and be glad in the day which the Lord hath made. Be with all thy ministering servants on the morrow, and especially with him who ministers unto us thy holy word. May they go forth in the

fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace, preaching peace through the blood of the cross; and may the word of thy grace be as the rain that watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud; may it accomplish thy good pleasure, and prosper in the thing whereto thou shalt send it. All these things we ask for the sake and through the intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom, in the unity of the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

SECOND WEEK.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O BLESSED LORD, who art the God of our salvation, and who daily loadest us with thy benefits, we again draw nigh unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. We thank thee for thy merciful care over us through the night past, and for thy preservation of us to the return of another Sabbath-day. We thank thee, O Father of mercies, that thou hast fixed our habitation in a country where the light of the glorious gospel shineth,—where thy Sabbaths are observed, and thine ordinances kept;

and where, without interruption, we may hear thy word, and worship thee with prayer and praise in the assemblies of thy people.

But, O God, the remembrance of these great mercies, while it calls forth our thankfulness to thee, should fill our hearts with shame and sorrow for our unprofitableness under them. We confess that we have awfully neglected thy command,—“Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.” Instead of considering thy service as our highest privilege and glory, our hearts have been too full of the world, and of sin, to seek after communion with thee and with our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of treasuring up thy word in our minds, that it might be the power of God unto our salvation, we have been impenitent and unbelieving; we have disregarded its doctrines; we have disobeyed its precepts; we have lightly regarded its precious promises.

But we now again implore thy pardoning mercy, for the sake of thy beloved

Son, who is the Lord our peace and our righteousness. O look upon us in the face of thy beloved Son; and forgive us all our past iniquities, and our neglect of thy Sabbaths, thy worship, and thy word. And, O gracious God, let thy peace and love shine from henceforth upon our hearts; and let the remembrance of our past neglect make us the more earnest to improve this and every future opportunity, for the benefit of our souls, and for the glory of thy name.

O Lord God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. May his quickening power raise our thoughts and desires to thee in every part of thy holy worship; and may he testify of Christ to us, and comfort us with a view of the fulness of his grace and of his salvation.

When we enter thy house of prayer to-day, may we realize thy gracious promise, that "where two or three are met together in thy name, there thou art in the midst of them."

From the beginning to the conclusion of the services of the sanctuary may we feel thy presence with us, and may all the means of grace be blest to our souls. When we confess our sins, may we be humbled with a deep sense of our unworthiness, and deeply feel our need of thy pardoning mercy. When we offer up our thanksgivings to thee, or sing thy praises, may we pour forth our whole soul before thee in a lively remembrance of all thy mercies. When we present our intercessions to thee for our King, our Church, and our country, and for all who are afflicted or distressed, may we be actuated by a fervent desire that thou wouldest appear on their behalf. When we hear thy word read or preached, may thy Holy Spirit open our understandings to understand the Scriptures. And may we not be forgetful hearers, but doers of thy word. May it dwell in us richly in all wisdom, and may the fruits of it abound in us, in our hearts and lives, to thy praise and glory.

Before the
Lord's Supper.

[Blessed Lord, let thy gracious

presence be in an especial manner with those of us who shall approach thy table this day. Pour into our hearts humility and faith and charity, and all those holy dispositions which should fill the hearts of those who partake of this holy ordinance. May we remember with continued thankfulness the exceeding great love of our only Saviour Jesus Christ in dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by his precious bloodshedding, he hath obtained for us; and may we, and all who are partakers of this holy communion, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. Make these pledges of thy love the savour of life unto our souls. May we partake of them, not trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies; and may we by faith eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, and be constrained by a sense of his love to yield ourselves up to his service, and to run with enlarged hearts in the way of his commandments.]

And now, O Lord, hear our prayers for thy universal Church,—for all who in

every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. May this Sabbath be distinguished by great mercies to thy church. Cast the bright beams of thy light upon it, that being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostles and Evangelists, it may so walk in the light of thy truth, as finally to attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Shew thy power and thy glory in the sanctuary. Let thy blessing rest upon all thy servants who are employed in making known to their fellow-sinners thy glorious gospel. May thy Holy Spirit so teach them, that they may speak the things that become sound doctrine : and whilst they shew unto men the way of salvation, do thou give success to the word of thy grace ; and enable them to ascribe the excellency of the power unto thee. May sinners be converted from the error of their ways, and the penitent and believing be comforted and edified. O let not thy word return unto thee void this day, but let it prosper

wheresoever thou shalt send it. May the Saviour see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied, and may the angels in heaven rejoice in the recovery of many a lost sinner.

And we beseech thee, O Lord, let not the effectual preaching of the blessed gospel be confined to our own shores. Prosper every attempt to make known the way of salvation to the nations who sit in darkness and the shadow of death; and regard with compassion thine ancient people Israel, that they may look unto him whom their fathers have pierced, and mourn with godly sorrow. O let thy way be made known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee. And let the glorious day soon arrive, when all flesh shall see thy salvation.

Hear and accept these our imperfect supplications, for thy dear Son's sake; and let thy love, thy power, and the mightiness of thy kingdom be much in our thoughts;

until we are brought to that perpetual Sabbath which thy ransomed children shall enjoy in heaven for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

MOST glorious and holy Lord God, who hast set thyself above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth; and yet art pleased in mercy to regard even sinners who call upon thee through thy beloved Son; we desire to exalt thy name, and to bless thee for thy continued mercies vouchsafed unto us. Help us, O Lord, to praise thee for the opportunities and privileges which we have enjoyed on this thy holy day; for the ordinances of thy house, the instructions of thy word, and the many

spiritual mercies of a personal and family nature with which thou hast favoured us. We may truly say, The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which we see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which we hear, and have not heard them.

Almighty Spirit of grace, open our eyes, that we may spiritually discern those things which belong to our peace; and open our hearts, that we may more fully believe the blessed truths of thy holy word. O may the word of Christ dwell in us richly, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Gracious God, forgive whatever thy pure and all-seeing eyes have seen amiss in us this day. Deal not with us according to our deservings, but according to thy mercy in Christ Jesus. We bless thee that he is our only and our all-sufficient advocate with thee; for his sake may our persons and our prayers find a gracious acceptance before

thee : and if we have confessed our sins unto thee this day with any degree of self-abasement and contrition ;—if we have found it a good thing to be thankful, and sweet to unite in ascriptions of praise and glory unto thee ;—if we have experienced in our hearts the influence of the Spirit of grace and of supplication in making known to thee our own wants and the wants of others ;—and if we have heard thy word with any saving benefit to our souls, and it has in any measure been made effectual in establishing thy kingdom within us, and increasing our knowledge, and faith, and holiness ;—not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name we would ascribe the glory.

And now, O Lord, though we have profited so inadequately by what we have heard and seen this day, though our prayers have been attended with frequent wanderings and distractions, and our hearts and affections have been full of coldness and formality,—yet we beseech thee, let the blessings which we have enjoyed on this thy holy day serve

to increase our hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Cherish in us whatever holy desires thy word and ordinances may have produced in our minds, and make us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

Gracious Lord, enable us constantly to look at the things which are not seen, and which are eternal. In the enjoyment of those seasons of rest which thy Sabbaths on earth afford, and in all our intercourse with thee, may we contemplate in faith that everlasting Sabbath,—that season of perpetual rest and peace which remaineth for all thy people. In these memorials of our blessed Redeemer's resurrection may we be filled with joyful anticipations of his second coming, and of the resurrection of his saints to a blessed immortality; when we shall no longer behold thee through ordinances, darkly, but face to face; when we shall see the blessed Jesus as he is, and unite in the song of the redeemed, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power,

and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

We now commend to thy mercy all our beloved friends and relations. We beseech thee to bless them not only outwardly in their bodies, but also inwardly in their souls. Let not the word of thy grace be a savour of death to any of them. Take from them all vain hopes, all hardness and unbelief of heart. Lead them in faith to the crucified Saviour, and may they and we be enabled to rejoice in a well-founded hope of being the children of God, members of Christ, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Finally, wherever the glad tidings of mercy and salvation have been preached this day in simplicity and godly sincerity, there, O thou Holy Spirit, thou gracious Author of light and life, do thou grant thy blessing. Make it effectual to the enlargement of thy church, by the conversion of sinners; and to the comfort, and peace, and holiness of those who are already gathered into that church,

and are training up for the church triumphant in heaven. O Lord, regard with thy special mercy our country, and though our iniquities testify against us, and we deserve thy wrath, yet in the midst of judgment remember mercy; and continue to us the blessed light of thy gospel, and the means of grace, and the ordinances of our holy religion. And may the Sun of righteousness arise upon the nations which are now in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. O enable us to look forward with joyful expectation to the arrival of that glorious period, when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be brought in, and all Israel shall be saved; when the name of the great King of Zion shall be universally known, and honoured, and adored.

Take us under thy protection this night. May our sleep be refreshing. And if we are permitted to see another day, may we live as it becometh those who are washed, and justified, and sanctified in the name of the

Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Hear us, O Lord God; hear and answer these our imperfect supplications, for thy Name's sake. And blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his majesty: *Amen, and Amen.*

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND MORNING.

*For Conviction of Sin, and Humiliation
before God.*

O THOU great and glorious Lord God, unto whom all hearts are open, and before whom nothing that is unrighteous shall stand, impress us with a due sense of thy holiness and thy majesty. Since thou hast

mercifully spared our lives, and hast permitted us again to draw nigh to thy footstool, enable us, by the influence of thy Holy Spirit, to commence this day with a solemn review of our guilt and helplessness, that our souls may be truly humbled, and that we may mourn over our sins with a godly sorrow.

O merciful God, thou hast assured us, that thou hast no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil ways, and live; and thou hast not spared thy beloved Son, but hast sent him to seek by his grace, and to save by his death, that which was lost. For his sake, be pleased to look in mercy upon us, whose souls naturally cleave unto the dust. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit. Suffer us not to dissemble our sins before thee, nor to attempt to excuse our guilt, or palliate our disobedience. But, O thou who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble, subdue that proud and self-righteous spirit

within us, which is ever ready to turn from the sight of our natural corruption, and cannot endure the charge that our minds are alienated from thee, and that we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

O God the Holy Spirit, who alone canst shew to them that be in error the light of truth, shine upon our souls; and as it is thy special office, in bringing souls to Christ, to convince them of sin, discover to each of us, we beseech thee, its defiling and destructive nature. Teach us that its evil is manifest in the departure of the heart from Thee, and in the proneness which we so often feel to rest in the creature, and to find our satisfaction in earthly things; and that it is the transgression of thy holy law, and exposes our guilty souls to thy deserved displeasure and condemnation.

O may we be taught by thy grace to examine ourselves, and compare our thoughts, our desires, and our practices, with the righteous demands of thy pure and holy law. May we reflect on all our sins of omission,

as well as those of commission,—of heart as well as of life. May we be convinced of sin, and truly humbled on account of our unbelief, and pride, and impenitence of heart,—on account of our worldliness of spirit, our neglect of the offers of mercy, and our disregard to the honour of thy Name, and the temporal and eternal happiness of our fellow-creatures. O may we remember with self-abasement the many evil passions which have gained the ascendancy over us,—the many over-anxious and worldly cares which we have indulged,—our ingratitude and want of thankfulness for all the mercies we have received, while we deserved not the least of them,—and our want of submission under thy chastisements, when we might justly have been cut down as cumberers of the ground. In these and other respects, surely our own hearts condemn us; how much more then, thou who art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. We are verily guilty before thee, and have incurred

thy righteous displeasure. But turn thou us, merciful Lord, and so shall we be turned. Wound our hearts, that thou mayest afterwards heal them. Bruise them under thy rod and power, if thou wilt but at length condescend to bind them up. And though we are tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour, and through the mediation, of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Merciful God, may every fresh remembrance of our sin and misery not only affect our hearts with godly sorrow and true repentance, but may it cause us to apply to the all-sufficient remedy which thy gospel reveals for the comfort and salvation of the humbled and penitent soul. O may our mourning for sin, and our fervent longings of heart to be delivered from the love and dominion of it, be always accompanied by a lively faith in the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world; that believing with the heart on him, we may

make him the foundation of our hope; and enjoy in and through him all the privileges and consolations of thy gospel; all the blessings of pardon, peace, and glory. Lord, hear and mercifully answer us:—remember not our sins and offences; but according to thy mercy, think thou upon us, for thy goodness sake. We ask these blessings in the all-prevailing name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Intercessor, who hath taught us to say,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND EVENING.

*A Family Confession of Sin, and Prayer
for Contrition and Repentance.*

O LORD God, gracious and long-suffering, we desire with humiliation and sincere repentance to acknowledge thy tender forbearance and goodness towards us, and to mourn over our own unworthiness and ingratitude to thee. Upon a view of our exceeding sinfulness, our hearts would justly fail us, nor should we dare to expect any favour from thee, if thou hadst not, in thine infinite compassion, provided a Saviour to redeem our souls from sin and death.

But we would adore thy mercy which endureth for ever. Though we can plead no righteousness of our own, thou hast laid help upon one who is mighty to save, even on thine own dear Son, and hast

graciously promised that in and through him, thou wilt hear the sighings of the captive, and wilt not despise the broken and contrite heart. O merciful Father, look upon us in thy beloved Son, and behold us as suppliants at the throne of thy grace; hearken unto the voice of our cry, for unto thee do we look up. Our natural alienation of heart from thee, and our own weakness and helplessness, require that we should oftentimes be in the valley of humiliation. We would, therefore, come now to thy footstool, confessing our sins, our wants, our sorrows, and our conflicts.

We have sinned and done very wickedly, O Lord, in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against the rebukes and warnings of our own consciences; against the spirit and letter of thy righteous laws; against the tender and merciful declarations and promises of thy blessed gospel; against the admonitions of thy Holy Spirit; against our own most solemn vows and resolutions.

We have sinned against thee, our God, against our neighbour, and against ourselves. Instead of esteeming thy service to be perfect freedom, and communion with thee our highest delight; we must with shame and confusion of face acknowledge that we have too often dared to set up our own will against thine; and, by our impenitence and unbelief, by our forgetfulness and contempt of thy word, we have too often manifested the natural enmity and ingratitude of our hearts to thee, our Benefactor and gracious Redeemer. Instead of fulfilling the duties which we owe to our neighbour, with a tender regard to his happiness and best interests, we have been grievously defective both in motive and in action; we have been backward in shewing love without dissimulation towards all men; and our attempts have been few and feeble to promote amongst our fellow-creatures the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And when we look to ourselves, we must indeed confess our

shame, our sin and misery; we have all of us destroyed ourselves by fulfilling the lusts of the flesh and of the mind: our hearts have been full of pride, of self-indulgence, and of the love of the world.

O Lord God, in all these things have we oft offended, and provoked thy just wrath and condemnation. Against thee, thee only have we sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. But, O Lord, return and deliver our souls, save us for thy mercy's sake. Save us from the guilt and punishment, save us from the power and pollution of all our sins. It is thy blessed property, not only to accept, but also first to bestow, the broken and contrite spirit. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Magnify thy name in our deliverance. And cause it to be seen by thy work of grace upon our souls, that where sin hath abounded, thy grace can much more abound.

Let thy Holy Spirit impart to us true contrition for all our sins, and that genuine repentance which needeth not to be repented of. May we be clothed with humility; and may every fresh view of our own sinfulness, while it prostrates us in self-abasement before thee, make the Saviour more precious to our souls, and cause us to apply unceasingly to him who is alone able to heal the broken in heart, and to bind up all their wounds. And, O may we be continually bringing forth fruits meet for repentance. May we be watchful over all our ways, and live continually to the glory of his name who hath loved us, and given himself for us.

We would now, most merciful Father, commend ourselves to thy care and protection: watch over us in thy providence, and give us peaceful and refreshing sleep; and, if it please thee to spare us to see the light of another day, may we rise with renewed resolutions to dedicate ourselves unto thee.

Pour down upon our absent relatives and friends, thy richest streams of mercy. Quicken in their hearts a lively sense of sin, and a due apprehension of their great and eternal concerns. And shew thyself to them as a pardoning God in Christ Jesus, ready to forgive and willing to save. O may we be a family living under the saving influence of thy grace; and be thou our God and guide, our hope and help, our joy and portion, this night and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THIRD MORNING

Prayer for Pardoning Mercy.

O THOU high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity, whose name is HOLY, and who deignest to dwell with those who are of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones; we desire to approach thy footstool with unfeigned repentance and godly sorrow for all our sins, praying for the fulfilment of thy gracious promise to our souls.

We adore thy grace, that though our sins have been great and numerous,—though in ourselves as sinners we are hopeless and helpless, yet that thou hast revealed thyself in thy holy word as the Lord God merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. We bless thee, O

Father of mercies, that to us has been sent the ministry of reconciliation, making known to us the glorious truth, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing unto them their trespasses. Enable us with gratitude and joy to accept thy offered grace,—to look to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world,—and to build all our hopes for time and for eternity upon the only sure foundation, Jesus Christ the Lord.

O blessed Saviour, thou art the way, and the truth, and the life. Grant us to have a deep and lasting impression on our minds that no man can come unto the Father but by thee. Thou art full of grace and truth, the same as when thou didst say to the woman that was a sinner, and sought thy mercy, “Go in peace, thy sins are forgiven thee;”—the same as when thou didst manifest thy compassion to the dying criminal on the cross;—the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. May we rejoice in knowing that we need no advocacy with our heavenly

Father but thine,—that thy all-prevailing merit is our only plea at the throne of mercy,—and that thy grace is sufficient for us, to deliver us from the dominion of Satan, and from the love of sin, and of this present evil world; and to bring us into the enjoyment of all the blessings and privileges of the children of God. Glory be to thee, therefore, O blessed Jesus, that thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood. Thou art worthy to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And, O God the Holy Spirit, thou glorifier of Jesus, and Comforter of the church of God, enlighten our minds in the knowledge of Christ. Make known to us the grace and the glory of the salvation effected by his obedience unto death; and may we have a deep and humbling sense of our need of all those blessings which his gospel reveals. And let the redeeming love of Christ, and the pardoning mercy of our God, have a constraining influence

on our hearts, that holiness to the Lord may be inscribed upon all our conversation, whether in the church, in the family, or in the world,—that we may be, in our day and generation, a people fearing God and working righteousness. And, O prepare us by thy grace for the heavenly world, and enable each of us, in joyful expectation of the glory of God, to say—“To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

We now desire to bless thee, O heavenly Father, for thy protection of us during the last night, and for the rest and refreshment which thou hast given us therein. We desire to bless thee for the mercies of the day, and for the health and safety, and many comforts with which thou art continually following us; and we beseech thee to preserve in our minds such a grateful sense of thy loving-kindness towards us, that we may employ all our blessings according to thy will, and to thy glory.

Extend, we beseech thee, the blessings we have been imploring for ourselves, to our

relations, our friends, and our neighbours. May Christ be formed in their souls, as the hope of glory; and put thy fear into their hearts, that they may faithfully serve thee in the present world, as a people redeemed from their vain conversation, and made zealous of good works. Regard, O Lord, with thy special mercy, the land in which we dwell. Preserve us from public calamity; put an end to the rebellions of ungodly men; stop the progress of infidelity and apostacy; and let sinners of all descriptions be turned from the error of their ways. Bless the ministry of thy word: and let great grace accompany thy preached gospel. Have mercy on the afflicted in mind, body, or estate. And regard with peculiar favour the rising generation. O that our children and our children's children may early seek the Lord, and find that Christ's yoke is indeed easy, and his burden light. Finally, give peace in our days, O Lord. Overrule all changes in kingdoms and nations, to the furtherance of thy blessed gospel, and the establishment

of thy kingdom over all the earth. Let the people praise thee, O God! yea, let all the people praise thee. O thou who hearest and answerest prayer, hear us in these our humble petitions for ourselves and others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THIRD EVENING.

Adoration of Christ.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, enable us at this time to contemplate with adoration and thankfulness the revelation of thy glory and of thy grace. Regard us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, for thine own name's

sake, with the favour that thou bearest to thy people; and show us thy salvation. Endue us with thy Holy Spirit, the glorifier of thee; that we may have a right judgment and discernment of thine infinite love to our sinful souls, and be filled with joy and peace in believing.

We adore thee, O Lord, in thy revealed character as God over all, blessed for ever. Thou art indeed exalted far above all blessing and praise; yet, help us, conscious of our low and fallen condition, with humility and sincerity to confess thee before men as “our Lord and our God,” and to give thee thanks for thy great glory; for thou only art the Lord of heaven and earth, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

We adore thee, O Lord Jesus, as the eternal Word, by whom all things were made, and without whom there was not any thing made that was made: and we bless thee that in the fulness of time thou didst

condescend to assume our nature, and to dwell among us, and become JESUS, the SAVIOUR, that thou mightest save thy people from their sins. We bless thee that thou who wast alone able to pay the price of human redemption, didst in thine infinite love redeem us to God by thy blood, and by the willing sacrifice of thyself upon the cross, didst bear the sin of many, and become the propitiation for our sins. We bless thee that by thy holy and perfect obedience to the law for us, thou didst manifest thyself to be JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS; that those who were lost and ruined sinners in themselves, might, by believing in thy name, be made righteous in the sight of the holy God. We bless thee, O thou adorable Messiah, the anointed One of God, that there is a plenitude of grace in thee; and that out of thine abundant fulness, all, who by faith and prayer seek thy grace, may derive fresh supplies from day to day. O let that holy oil, the grace of the Spirit, which was poured out without measure upon

thee, the Head, run down upon all, even the meanest and weakest of thy members ; that partaking of the unction of the Holy One, we may bring forth fruit unto God, and may seek thy glory, and acknowledge thee as the supreme Lord of our affections. And may we have ground to hope that when we shall see thee as thou art, we shall be admitted to enjoy the beatific vision of thy glory for ever and ever.

O Lord, we would now praise thee for all the temporal favours which through thy bounty are bestowed upon us ; for in thee we live and move and have our being. All our fresh springs of comfort are in thee ; and it is for thy name's sake alone that we sinful creatures enjoy the goodness and mercy which have followed us hitherto. O enable us to look unto thee to be the finisher as well as the author of our faith ; the keeper and preserver of our souls, as well as the bright and morning-star to guide us into the way of peace. Enable us to realise all thine endearing offices to thy church ; that our souls

may magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.

Regard with thine especial mercy the land of our nativity. O thou Prince of peace, give peace in our time. O Lord, let not our country be destroyed by unhappy divisions. May sinners of all descriptions be turned to the Lord. And, O Saviour of the world, who art a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel, make known thy salvation to the ends of the earth. Hasten, O Lord, the coming of that blessed day, when thou shalt possess the earth for thine inheritance; and when both Jew and Gentile shall be gathered into one fold, under thee, their one gracious and glorious Shepherd. O Lord, let thy kingdom come. Let thy name, thy salvation, and thy glory be universally known and adored.

To thy protection, O thou who neither slumberest nor sleepest, we commit ourselves, and all our dear relations and friends, this night. Bless us with quiet and refreshing sleep; and if we are spared to see another

day, do thou, O Sun of righteousness, arise upon us with healing in thy wings, and give us more delightful discoveries of thy truth and thy salvation than we have ever yet enjoyed. May a sense of thy love, in its height, and depth, and length, and breadth, be abundantly and continually shed abroad in our hearts. And when thou shalt come in thy divine glory, with all thy holy angels, to judge the world, may we be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

FOURTH MORNING.

*For the renewed Dedication of our Hearts
to God.*

O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. We confess, O Lord God, that we have forfeited thy favour, and are utterly unworthy of any blessing from thee. But, adored be thy Name, thou hast graciously provided for all who truly repent and believe the gospel, though guilty, and depraved, and helpless sinners in themselves, that the guilt of their sins should be removed through the blood of

our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us, and gave himself for us ; and that the power of sin should be subdued by the grace of the Holy Spirit. O Lord, we desire to cast ourselves anew from day to day upon thy mercy ; imploring thee to give us true repentance and a lively faith, that we may be numbered among those who are washed, and justified, and sanctified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. .

O merciful God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who hast renewed to us this morning the blessings of life and health, and who art daily pouring thy benefits upon us ; may we now, with humble and grateful hearts, renew the unreserved surrender of ourselves to thee, the Giver of all good. We would commit our bodies, and all our worldly affairs, to the conduct of thy wise and merciful providence ; and our souls, with all their concerns, to the government of thy Spirit and grace. Search us, O God, and try our hearts, and help us to see if there be

any way of wickedness in us ; and lead us in the way everlasting. May we ever consider it our highest honour to be called by thy Name, and to be employed in thy service. And forasmuch as we feel a frequent proneness to rest in the creature, and to find our satisfaction in the world and the things of the world ; and that when we would do good, evil is present with us,—subdue, we beseech thee, this fatal malady of our fallen nature,—on earthly mind.

Suffer us not to rest in the outward form of godliness, nor in a mere assent of the mind to the doctrines of thy blessed gospel ; but let the reality of our repentance and faith be made manifest by a change, not only of our views and apprehensions, but also of our principles and conduct. O merciful God, grant that the old man in us may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. And grant that we may have power and strength

to withstand and to triumph over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

We live, O Lord, greatly below our privileges. Our souls cleave unto the dust : raise us, we beseech thee, from this low and grovelling state of mind. May we watch and strive against the first risings of sin in our souls. May we rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh ; and may all the blessed fruits of the Spirit abound more and more in our hearts and in our lives. May a holy fear of offending thee be ever present with us ; and in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, may thy glory be our never-ceasing object and aim. O gracious Lord, clothe us with humility. May the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom ; and may we ever be willing to ascribe all our salvation to the praise of the glory of thy grace. And if we have been turned from darkness to light,—if thy peace rules in our hearts,—if we bring forth any fruits of righteousness, to thee be all the praise. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,

but unto thy name be the glory, for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Be gracious, O God, to our country. We are indeed a sinful people ; and it is of thy mercies that we have not been consumed. Continue, we pray thee, to spare and to bless us ; and may thy goodness towards us lead us to repentance. Bless the king, and all that are in authority under him. Direct the public councils of the nation to the furtherance of thy glory. Supply the wants of all thy people. Comfort and relieve the afflicted. Dwell in the families of all who fear and love thee. Remember with thine especial mercy all our dear relations and friends. May the blessings we have been imploring for ourselves be also bestowed upon them, and may they and we be enabled by thy grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, and finally be admitted to see thy glory in the life everlasting, world without end. *Amen*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FOURTH EVENING.

A general Family Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, enable us to approach thy mercy-seat with holy reverence and godly fear; and be pleased to pour upon us the Spirit of grace and of supplication, that we may spread before thee our wants, and may praise thee for the numerous favours which thou art bestowing upon us from day to day.

Gracious God; we desire to acknowledge with thankfulness all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which we have received from thee in the whole course of our lives. We bless thee for the provision which thou hast made for our temporal wants, for thy watchful care and kind providence over us this day, for the preservation of our health and strength, and for the continued

use of our reason ; but we more particularly bless thee for the source and fountain of all these blessings, CHRIST JESUS, remembering that by his incarnation, his cross and passion, his resurrection and ascension, we receive every present means of grace, and every hope of future glory. O that we may be able, with grateful hearts, to adopt the language of the Psalmist, and to say, Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

But, O heavenly Father, it is with shame and sorrow that we recal to mind our multiplied offences against thee. Too long have other lords beside thee had dominion over us ; too long have we wasted our time, our talents, and our thoughts, upon the unsatisfying pleasures of this transitory world ; and said unto thee in our hearts, Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. But, O Lord, gracious and merciful, we desire now to humble ourselves at the footstool of thy mercy, acknowledging our sinfulness, and bewailing our depravity ;

and pleading before thee the atoning blood and perfect righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the only ground of our hope for pardon and acceptance with thee. O look upon us in thy beloved Son, our Redeemer and Mediator; turn us from our iniquities, and so shall we be turned; give us that repentance which is not to be repented of, and that faith which lays hold of thy gracious promises of mercy and pardon; and send forth the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts, that we may be enabled, with humble confidence, to call thee, Abba, Father.

And grant, O Lord God, that having Christ formed in our souls as the hope of glory, it may be our constant endeavour to be more and more conformed, both inwardly and outwardly, to him; that we may walk even as he walked, and shew forth, in our measure, all those heavenly dispositions which were manifest in him. In our family, and among our acquaintances, may we show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous

light. Make us kind and tender-hearted, forbearing and forgiving to all; even as we hope, for Christ's sake, to obtain forgiveness from thee. May we aim to be instrumental in promoting the knowledge of thy truth; conducting ourselves with meekness towards those that oppose themselves. If reviled, may we bless; if persecuted for righteousness sake, may we patiently endure; if defamed, may we look unto him, who, though the brightness of his Father's glory, and the express image of his person, yet endured the contradiction of sinners against himself. Let us never be ashamed of thee or of thy cause, on account of any trials and afflictions to which we have been, or may be exposed; but enable us, relying on the wisdom and strength of the Captain of our salvation, to fight the good fight of faith, and daily to obtain the victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. O God, establish within us thy kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost; and carry us on from strength to strength,

until we receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

Let thy heavenly benediction rest upon us, O Lord, in all our personal and relative concerns. May each member of this family conscientiously perform the duty of his proper station. Bless those whom thou hast placed at the head of it with wisdom and increasing grace.

Defend, O Lord, these children with thy heavenly grace; let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them into the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that finally they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let thy blessing also rest upon the servants of this family; may they endeavour to approve themselves as the servants of God, by giving up their hearts unto thee, and by acting with truth and faithfulness. And remember for good, gracious Lord, all those who are more immediately related to us, and those who need or desire our prayers.

Be gracious to all that are afflicted in mind, body, or estate; and support and comfort them. Heavenly Father, we now commit ourselves to thy care for this night. We pray thee to guard us from all evils and dangers; and if it be thy good pleasure to preserve us until the morning, may we anew devote ourselves to thy service, and continue to live in thy fear and favour. And when our days are brought to a final close, may our souls be received, through thy mercy, to eternal glory. We ask all through the prevailing merits of Jesus Christ, our merciful Lord and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

FIFTH MORNING.

For a Blessing upon the Word of God.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, help us by thy Holy Spirit to draw nigh unto thy throne of grace this morning, and to make known our requests unto thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. We bless thee for our creation, our preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Thou hast not only brought us into being, and upholden our souls in life, but to thee we are indebted for all our personal and family mercies ;—for the health, and peace, and safety, and the many comforts and blessings which we severally enjoy. But above all, we especially adore and praise thee for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, and for all the present and ever-

lasting benefits which flow to us through the kindness and love of God our Saviour. May we receive into our hearts that great mystery of godliness, that God was manifest in the flesh; and that in Christ crucified there is plenteous redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of thy grace.

We thank thee, O Lord, for the instructions of thy holy word. May we ever reckon it amongst our chiefest blessings that our lot has been cast in an age and country in which thou dost continue to bless us* with thy holy word, the gospel of our salvation. May we acknowledge this thy goodness to us, and know the day of our merciful visitation; and may we imitate the example of the Bereans of old, in receiving the word with all readiness of mind, and in searching the Scriptures daily, and examining whether what we hear be according to the testimony thereof. But, O Lord, who is sufficient for these things? Thou knowest that we are altogether weak and helpless, that our wis-

dom is earthly and sensual, and that our souls cleave unto the dust. We lament our slowness of heart to believe all that is written in the law and the prophets; and that we take so little heed to the things which we have heard; that we oftentimes let them slip from our minds, and thus become forgetful hearers, and not doers of the word. We are taught, O blessed Lord, that, though Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, thou alone canst give the increase. We believe that thy blessed Spirit must accompany all our hearing and reading of thy word, to render it effectual to thy glory, and to the communication and increase of knowledge and light, of love and peace to our souls. Pour down upon each of us the graces of thy Holy Spirit; that we may have a right understanding of those Scriptures, which holy men of God spake as they were moved by him. Grant unto each of us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of thyself. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding; give us a spiritual discern-

ment of the things of the Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things, and know what the will of the Lord is. And help us so to do thy will, that we may be assured of the truth of the holy Scriptures, that they were given by inspiration of God ; while we perceive the power and efficacy of thy word in our hearts and lives.

Enable us to follow on to know the Lord ; and continually to mix faith with what we read and hear of thy word, that we may profit and grow thereby. May its doctrines be the constant rule of our faith, its precepts the constant rule of our practice ; and may all its promises be fulfilled in our experience ; so that the book of God may not be sealed, nor thy gospel hid from us ; but that it may be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths ; and that we may abound more and more in all joy and peace in believing.

O Holy Spirit, thou glorifier of the Saviour, and Comforter of the Church of God, vouchsafe to bring the words of Christ continually

to our remembrance. May we remember his command to search the Scriptures, for they testify of Him. Help us to repose all our trust in Him; and may we ever count it our privilege, as well as our duty, that the word of Christ should dwell in us richly in all wisdom. May our sentiments, our tempers, and our whole lives, be conformed to thy revealed will. May we cast all our care upon the Lord; taking up our cross daily, and following him, until at last we behold his face in glory, and partake of his promised salvation.

O gracious and long-suffering God, though we live in an age when iniquity abounds, and when the love of many towards thee waxeth cold, we thank thee that thy word is widely disseminated, and that thy gospel is faithfully and extensively proclaimed. O clothe it with thy mighty power, and cause it to reach the hearts of young and old, rich and poor, magistrates and subjects. Show unto them the light of thy truth, that they may be made wise unto salvation, through faith,

which is in Christ Jesus. Especially may all our dear friends be brought under the influence of thy blessed word, and be supported and comforted with the hope of the glory of God. Hear and answer us, O God of our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FIFTH EVENING.

Family Supplication and Intercession.

MOST gracious God, our heavenly Father in Jesus Christ our Lord, who art continually doing us good, though we are evil and unthankful, we come into thy presence, encouraged by the merciful promises of thy word, to implore thy protection and thy grace, without which we can neither be safe nor happy.

We confess, O Lord, with sorrow and shame, that, from the youngest to the eldest amongst us, we have, by our sins and guilt, forfeited thy favour, and justly incurred thine anger and condemnation. But, O Lord, it is thy property to have mercy and to forgive. Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults; restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name.

O thou Lord and giver of all spiritual life, without whose grace we can do nothing good, help us to renounce every false hope, and all dependence upon ourselves; and to come unto thee, repenting truly of our sins, and seeking for mercy and salvation in the name of our only and our all-sufficient Redeemer and Mediator. O thou eternal and almighty Spirit, let there not be one in all this house who is unconcerned about

the great truths which relate to our everlasting welfare. Impress our minds at all times with a firm persuasion that "Thou God seest us;"—that to Thee our respective characters and wants, yea, all our thoughts and motives, are fully known. Convince each of us of our individual sins; the sins of our hearts and of our lives, the sins of our youth, and the sins which have increased with our riper years; and grant unto us the blessedness of those whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered; and unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. May we feel our need of a personal interest in the all-sufficient atonement and perfect righteousness of the Son of God. Lord, increase our faith; and may the fruits of it, namely, love to God, and love to man, and victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil, be daily exhibited by us in our lives. Open our understandings, that we may understand the holy Scriptures, and let the influence of thy word upon us be powerful and abiding. Help us not only to receive Christ Jesus the Lord,

but also to walk in him, in a sense of constant dependence upon his grace, and an unceasing endeavour to follow his pure and perfect example.

Heavenly Father, accept our humble thanks for all our social and domestic mercies; for the many comforts of this life; and for the far richer mercies set before us in the life eternal. We acknowledge thee in all; and we desire to ascribe unto thee the whole praise and glory. Keep our hearts in thy fear and love; and enable each of us humbly and faithfully to discharge the relative duties of that station of life to which thy kind providence has called us. Let thy blessing rest upon this house, that it may be the habitation of peace, and love, and holiness. May those* who are set over this family resolve, through grace, "As for us and our house, we will serve the Lord." May they guide and instruct those who are under their care, with wisdom and in the spirit of kind-

* This may be expressed in the singular number, if family circumstances require it.

ness ; teaching them the fear of the Lord, and setting before them a holy example ; that all the members of the household may follow them, as they themselves follow Christ.

O Lord, renew the hearts of the younger members of this family ; that they may seek thee early, and find thee to be their reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus. May they know from their childhood those holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation ; and as they advance in years, may they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May they be dutiful and obedient to their parents and teachers ; kindly affectioned one towards another ; and in all things desirous to live to thy praise and glory.

And may the servants of this household be the servants of the Most High God ; may they be patterns of industry and obedience ; faithful to their trust ; doing their work with singleness of heart, as unto the Lord.

Finally, O Lord, bless all who are united to us by the ties of kindred or friendship.

May they all be dear to thee, and be possessed of that wisdom which cometh down from above. May they and we obtain more of thy grace from day to day. May goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and may we dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Take us this night under thy merciful care and protection. Whether we sleep or wake, live or die, may we be thine. May every evening remind us of the solemn close of our earthly existence; and every morning extend our view to the final resurrection of the blessed to eternal glory. We supplicate every mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

SIXTH MORNING.

*Prayer for the Advancement of true
Religion in our own Country.*

O ever blessed and most gracious God, who givest us all things richly to enjoy, and art the source of all happiness to thy creatures, we would thank thee that thou hast preserved us through the past night, and hast raised us up this morning, and given us another opportunity of meeting together before thy throne of grace.

O thou Lord and Giver of life, shine upon our souls; incline our hearts to follow Him who is the light of the world, that we may not abide in darkness, but have the light of life. May we by the grace of thy Holy Spirit obtain from day to day a deeper conviction of our own guilty and corrupt state, and a more lively faith in the abundant mercy and exceeding riches of the grace of

our God in Christ Jesus. And, O blessed Spirit, the Comforter of the church of God, fill our souls with all joy and peace in believing; and grant that our love to thee may abound more and more, in knowledge and in all judgment; that we may approve things that are excellent; that we may be sincere, and without offence, till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Hear our intercessions this morning, most merciful God, for our country, and for all ranks and conditions of men therein.

Look down in mercy upon our native land. We bless thee that thou hast vouchsafed unto us the light of thy glorious gospel. We praise thee for all the national mercies and privileges which we enjoy. But, alas! we would remember before thee, with shame and confusion of face, the rebellion and ingratitude which we have continually betrayed towards thee, who art ever loading us with thy benefits. Send throughout the land, O Lord, an universal spirit of repentance, that

we may turn every man from his evil ways, and may amend our doings. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and so shall we be turned. Let us not revolt more and more ; but deliver us from all our transgressions, that iniquity may not be our ruin. O Lord, remember us still in mercy. Pour out the influence of thine illuminating Spirit upon us ; that we may still be a favoured nation, fearing thee, and working righteousness. Make us high above all nations in praise, and in name, and in honour, by making us a holy people unto thee, the Lord our God.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite, to save and defend all christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially thy servant our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. Let his throne be established in righteousness ; and so rule his heart that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory. May he be blessed with a loyal and obedient people. Instruct all his counsellors, and direct their measures to the preservation of domestic concord, the

maintenance of peace among the nations, and the furtherance of the Redeemer's kingdom.

May the continual dew of thy blessing be sent down upon all bishops and curates, and on all congregations committed to their charge. May all the ministers of thy gospel rightly divide the word of truth, and direct sinners to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. O Lord, we lament, among other national sins, the neglect with which thy blessed gospel hath been treated by many in our country. Make thy ministers mighty in the Scriptures. Open to them an effectual door of usefulness. Let thy hand be with them, and let thy word be accompanied with thine own almighty power in the hearts of sinners, that many in our day may believe it, and be turned unto thee. And to those who shall be ordained to any holy function, give thy grace and heavenly benediction, that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; to the praise and glory of thy name.

We humbly beseech thee to bless the rising generation ; may the youth of our land be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord ; may the principles of faith and love, and of the fear of thy name, be early implanted in their hearts ; and as they advance in years, may they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And let thy blessing rest upon all the instructors of youth, both in our public seminaries and our private families. More especially bless those who bestow their time in teaching the children of the poor. May they themselves be taught of thee, and may their labour not be in vain in the Lord.

Bless all our fellow-subjects throughout the land. Multiply grace, mercy, and peace upon all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Heal all our unhappy divisions. Deliver us from all sedition and violence. Put to silence the deceitful lips of infidelity, and show to them that are in error the light of thy truth. Bless and preserve the fruits

of the earth. Satisfy our poor with bread. Prosper their endeavours to provide things honest in the sight of all men; make them poor in spirit, and partakers of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Visit with thy mercy the sons and daughters of affliction, and overrule the dispensations of thy providence for their good. Strengthen the weak in faith; comfort those that mourn; subdue the enmity of the hardened heart; and cause sinners of every description to flee to thee, while the door of mercy is still open.

Finally, O Lord, we implore thy protection and mercy for our dear relatives and friends. May their names be written in the book of life. May they be members of thy family while on earth, and heirs of thy glory in heaven.

We offer up these our supplications and intercessions at the throne of grace, in the name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SIXTH EVENING.

Prayer for the promotion of Christ's kingdom amongst the Jews and the Heathen.

MERCIFUL GOD, and our heavenly Father in Christ Jesus, we desire this evening to present before thee our supplications and intercessions, and to pray that thou wouldest send the light of thy truth to the dark parts of the earth; and be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations.

We adore thee for the blessed privileges which thou hast bestowed upon our highly favoured, though ungrateful country; and especially that unto us hath been sent the word of salvation, the message of reconciliation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Gracious God, let not our unbelief and our impenitence cause thee to remove our lamp out of its place, as thou hast removed that of

other churches ; but pour down a spirit of contrition upon our nation, that we may break off from our iniquities, and turn to thee with full purpose of heart. Help us, as sinners conscious of our guilt and weakness, to believe and to value the glad tidings of mercy, grace, and eternal life, which thy word hath brought to our ears. And may the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, that we may not only ourselves rejoice in hope of the glory of God, but be earnestly desirous that the heathen and the unbelieving Israelites may be made partakers of the common salvation.

O thou almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, whose is the earth and the fulness thereof, and whose power alone can renovate the hearts of sinful men, look down in compassion, from the habitation of thy holiness, upon a world lying in ignorance and in iniquity. We bless thee that thou hast taught us to pray, “ thy kingdom come,” and that we are encouraged to plead before thee thy gracious promise, that “ all the ends

of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." We therefore beseech thee to hasten the fulfilment of thy promises ; to send forth thy light and thy truth into the most benighted corners of the earth ; to enlighten the millions who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death ; and to turn them from the power of Satan unto thyself, the living God.

O thou glorious Head of the church, who hast obtained the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession ; raise up, we beseech thee, many messengers of thy mercy, and endue them abundantly with wisdom and grace, that thy gospel may be preached by them to every creature. O Lord, the power and the glory is thine ; stretch forth thy holy arm ; destroy the face of the covering that is cast over all nations, and from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, let thy name be great among the gentiles. May they forsake their idols, and their refuges of lies, and hear and receive thy holy word. May thy Holy Spirit prepare their

hearts to welcome the sound of the glorious gospel of God our Saviour ; and may they be taught effectually by his grace that there is none other name under heaven given amongst men whereby they can be saved, but thine, O thou blessed Lord Jesus, thou only deliverer from the wrath to come.

And, O God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, pour down upon thine ancient people Israel, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, that they may look unto Him whom their fathers pierced, and mourn. Let the deliverer come out of Sion, and turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Remove the veil that is upon their hearts ; and hasten the time when they shall acknowledge the Lord Jesus to be their Messiah, and be gathered into his fold ; that thus both Jews and Gentiles may become one fold under one Shepherd, and unite in one triumphant song of praise to thee, their God and Saviour.

Finally, O Lord, let thy blessing rest upon every association formed amongst thy people, for the purpose of promoting thy

glory, and the salvation of man. May love to thy name, and zeal in the furtherance of the work of missions, be spread throughout the church of Christ; and may that day of blessing which thou hast promised to thy church soon arrive. Hasten, O Lord, thy coming: Hasten the period when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

And now, O Lord, we would pray for ourselves. We beseech thee to bless us, even us also. Protect and refresh us this night with quiet and comfortable sleep; and if thou art pleased to bring us to see the light of another day, renew, O Lord, the grace and teaching of thy blessed Spirit to our souls. Search and try our hearts, that we may not be under any self-deception concerning the things which belong to our eternal peace. May we be determined to know nothing as our ground of hope or source of comfort, save Jesus Christ and him crucified. May we run with patience and joy the race that is set before us. May the

graces of thy Spirit dwell in us, and abound; and make us that we may neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose all-prevailing name, and comprehensive form of words, we further address thee, as

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

SEVENTH MORNING.

*A General Family Prayer.**

O THOU great and gracious Lord God, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, and whose compassions fail not, we beseech thee favourably to regard the unworthy family now assembled before thee. Enter not

* The author is indebted for this form of prayer to a highly esteemed friend.

into judgment with thy servants, for in thy sight can no man living be justified.

We desire to approach thy mercy-seat this morning, deeply humbled under a sense of our guilt ; to draw near as helpless, needy, and perishing sinners, who deserve nothing at thy hands but wrath and everlasting condemnation. But, blessed be thy name for ever,—in the midst of wrath thou rememberest mercy ; thou hast laid help upon ONE that is mighty ; and, in the riches of thy free grace, thou hast invited weary and heavy-laden sinners to come boldly to the throne of grace, through thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ the righteous ; in whom there is redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins. In his name alone do we now venture to present ourselves before thee : we renounce every other dependence, and desire to be found in him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. For his sake we beseech thee to receive us

graciously, and love us freely; blot out our sins as a cloud, and our iniquities as a thick cloud; heal all our backslidings, and let thine anger be turned away from us for ever.

Thou hast encouraged us in thy word to spread before thee our manifold wants, and to plead thine exceeding great and precious promises. O do thou supply all our need out of the riches of thy mercy by Christ Jesus; may we, through thy grace, be brought to rest in the everlasting covenant; that, being separated from an ungodly world, and delivered from the power of our spiritual enemies, we may walk as the ransomed of the Lord, in holiness and righteousness before thee, all the days of our life. Establish thy kingdom of grace within us; give unto us the earnest of thy blessed Spirit; may he subdue in us every rebellious feeling, cast down every lofty imagination, and bring every thought of our mind into subjection to the obedience of thy blessed will. And grant, O merciful God, that under his divine teaching and influence, we may, in

true penitence of heart, be kept continually at the foot of the cross, and be enabled to rest in a blessed assurance of our personal interest in the redeeming love and finished work of Jesus; that, being strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. May we thus go on our way rejoicing, and bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

We look up to thee, O heavenly Father, under a sense of our own weakness, and in the midst of manifold temptations, for grace and strength to support us every moment. Enable us to walk as it becometh those who are called by thy name; and preserve us from the sins and infirmities which do so easily beset us. May we never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil.

Guide and direct us in the way wherein

we ought to go. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. In whatsoever we do, may thy love constrain us to act according to thy holy will, and may thy glory be the end we have in view ; and grant that with fear and trembling, with all Christian circumspection and humility, and with unfeigned regard to the precepts of thy word, we may walk as children of light, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

We desire now, O Lord, to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for thy manifold and great mercies. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our life. May we trace thy fatherly love in all thy dealings with us ever since we were born ; may the remembrance of them fill us with gratitude and love ; and may we learn to cast all our cares upon thee, and to live in the daily exercise of faith and confidence in our God. Dispose, we beseech thee, of all our earthly concerns as it seemeth best to

thy unerring wisdom, and let the dispensations of thy providence respecting us be ever accompanied with the sanctifying influence of thy Spirit; that whether in adversity or prosperity, in sickness or in health, in life or in death, we may be enabled to glorify thy holy name in all things.

We commend unto thee all those to whom we are bound by the ties of affection and friendship. Bless our dear relatives and friends; bring them nigh unto thyself through the blood of Jesus; remember them with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people, and make them partakers of all the blessings of thy salvation.

Look in mercy, O God, upon our beloved country. Bless our King, and every member of his illustrious family. May his throne be established in righteousness. Give peace in our time, we beseech thee. Bless thy church and people. Support, strengthen, and encourage the ministers of the gospel. We ask every blessing in the name of our ado-

nable Mediator and Advocate, who ever liveth to make intercession for us ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, we ascribe all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SEVENTH EVENING.

*Thanksgivings for Mercies received, and
Supplications at the close of a Week.*

MOST blessed Lord God, we would give thanks unto thy name, for thou art gracious, and thy mercy endureth for ever. The review of this week is alone sufficient to show that thou art long-suffering towards us ; and to convince us of our ingratitude to thee, and our unprofitableness under all thy tender mercies.

We thankfully acknowledge that thy merciful kindness has been ever more and more towards us. By thee we were formed, and by thee have we been holden up ever since we were born. We bless thy name for all the comforts of this life, which thou hast given us so richly to enjoy ; we bless thee for our health and strength, our peace and safety ; for the supply of our bodily wants, for thy watchful care and kind providence over us from day to day, and for every temporal favour shown to our family, our kindred, and our country. But, above all, we adore thee for the richer blessings of redemption, and especially for the source and fountain of them all, Jesus Christ our Saviour ; for all the invaluable benefits resulting to our fallen world from his incarnation and death, his resurrection and ascension ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. O heavenly Father, thou God of all grace, we can never sufficiently magnify thy mercy and thy goodness toward us, in causing us to hear of that name at which every knee

shall bow, whether of things in earth, or things in heaven; and besides which there is none other name given among men whereby we may be saved.

But, O Lord, to us belong shame and confusion of face. We have sinned, and have grievously departed from thee. We have abused thy patience, which has borne so long with our ingratitude and disobedience, amidst all the blessings which we have daily received at thy hands. Gracious Lord, may thy goodness and long-suffering lead us to repentance. Make us deeply sensible of the pride and the unbelief of our hearts, and of our helplessness and danger; and enable us, in penitence and faith, to flee to the cross of our divine Redeemer. Be graciously pleased for his sake to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. O Lord Jesus Christ, our most merciful Saviour, we beseech thee to intercede for us. By thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, by thy glorious resurrection and ascension, and by

the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us. In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

O thou heart-searching God, who knowest our inmost thoughts, and the peculiar trials to which we are severally exposed, we pray thee to suit thy mercies to our wants. Help us to place our confidence in thee alone; and not to be led away by every wind of doctrine; nor to build our hopes on any false foundation, or on any device of man; but solely on the death and righteousness of our incarnate Lord. While reviewing the past week, make us sincerely penitent for all the offences which we have committed against thee, in thought, word, or deed. And if any among us are still walking in darkness, or are unconcerned about their eternal interests, we beseech thee to enlighten their understandings, and to fix their attention on spiritual and everlasting objects. If any are halting betwixt two

opinions, cause them to remember that "one thing is needful" for their happiness and salvation; and may they choose that good part which shall never be taken from them; bethinking themselves of the solemn question, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" And may we all be more deeply impressed with the shortness and uncertainty of life. May we remember that our last week, our last hour, will soon come; and may neither domestic cares nor worldly occupations prevent us from seeking our life and happiness in thee. Give us grace to look up to thee, in the time of health, as our reconciled Father in Christ, that so in trouble we may find thee our friend, in death our support, and in eternity our portion.

To thy merciful care we commit our souls and bodies this night. To thee alone do we look for our preservation, and for a continuance of the blessings of health, and peace, and safety. May we consider it one of our

greatest mercies that we dwell in a land where thy Sabbaths are still observed ; and that our sins and our iniquities have not yet provoked thee to deprive us of the light of thy blessed gospel. Continue, we beseech thee, for thy name's sake, this blessing to us. May we ever rejoice in the return of thy holy day, and endeavour to profit by all the opportunities and means of grace which thou dost afford us. Be present with us to-morrow in public and in private ; pour into our hearts the Spirit of grace and of supplications. If permitted to attend at thy house, make us more sincere and earnest in our confessions, and prayers, and praises ; and more attentive to the word of thy salvation. May our supplications for our King and country, for our relatives and friends, for thy church and for the world, be heard and mercifully accepted by thee. And incline our hearts to sanctify the whole day, by private reading and meditation of thy word, by holy and spiritual employments, by seeking communion and intercourse with thee,

and by contemplating more fully the wonders of redemption. May thy Holy Spirit shed abroad in our hearts more of the love of God than we have ever yet felt, that we may have some foretaste of that eternal Sabbath which remaineth for all thy people.

Bless the ministers of thy gospel; assist them in their preparation for the services of the approaching Sabbath; and wherever thy word is faithfully preached, there let the power and energy of thy Spirit be felt, that sinners may be converted, and thy faithful people refreshed and comforted. Let the bright beams of thy light be shed upon thy church; let thy ways be made known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. We ask these mercies in the all-prevailing name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath graciously taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

*A MORNING and an EVENING PRAYER for a
FAMILY, compiled from different parts of
the LITURGY of the CHURCH OF ENGLAND.*

MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.¹ Turn thou us, good Lord, and so shall we be turned. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest us when we deserve punish-

¹ Confession, Communion Service.

ment; and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy.¹ Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past.²

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we most humbly beseech thee, O Lord.³ Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.⁴ For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.⁵

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this

¹ Service for Ash-Wednesday.

² Confession, Communion Service.

³ Visitation of the Sick.

⁴ The Litany.

⁵ Thanksgiving, Communion Service.

day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight.¹ Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.² Grant that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may have power and strength to triumph over the devil, the world, and the flesh.³ And forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts.⁴ Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain

¹ The Third Collect for Grace, Morning Prayer.

² Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

³ Baptismal Service.

⁴ Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire ;¹—and in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, may we glorify thy Holy Name.²

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy church with thy perpetual mercy ;³ may it be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate ; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities ; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions ; and this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake,⁴

¹ Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

² Collect at the end of the Communion Service.

³ Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

⁴ Prayers for all sorts and conditions of men.

in whose Name and words we sum up all our petitions.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD THE FATHER of heaven ; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O GOD THE SON, Redeemer of the world ; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST, proceeding from the Father and the Son ; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O HOLY, BLESSED, AND GLORIOUS TRINITY, three persons and one God ; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins ; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast

redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.¹ O Lord, deal not with us after our sins; neither reward us after our iniquities.² O God, make clean our hearts within us; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.³ Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and to do always such things as be right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may, by thee, be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord;⁴ Grant unto us, that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.⁵

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and may it please thee to rule

¹ The Litany.

² The Litany.

³ Sentences in the Evening Prayer.

⁴ Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

⁵ Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

and govern thy holy church in the right way. May it please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant **WILLIAM**, our most gracious King and Governor. May it please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, fear, and love; and may he evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory.

May it please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly.

May it please thee to bless and keep all thy people.

May it please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived.

May it please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

May it please thee to have mercy upon all men.*

* The Litany.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified ; receive our supplications which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee.¹ Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israel, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.²

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for thine inestimable love in

¹ Second Collect for Good Friday.

² Third Collect for Good Friday.

the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we besecch thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.* *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

* The general Thanksgiving.

**A MORNING *and an* EVENING PRAYER *for*
a FAMILY, *consisting chiefly of language*
taken from the HOLY SCRIPTURES.**

The former of the Two following forms of Prayer consists chiefly of *Confessions of sin, and Supplications for mercy and grace*; the latter of *Thanksgivings for blessings enjoyed, and Intercessions for others*.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU, whose name alone is
JEHOVAH, and who art the Most
Ps. lxxxiii. 18. High over all the earth, thou art
righteous in all thy ways, and holy
Ps. cxlv. 17. in all thy works; yet forasmuch
as we have a great High Priest,
that is passed into the heavens,
JESUS the Son of God, we would
come with boldness unto the throne
of grace, that we may obtain mercy,
and find grace to help in time
Heb. iv. 14, 16. of need. Lord, we know not what
we should pray for as we ought;

but let thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and make intercession
 Rom. viii. 26. for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered.

It is of thy mercies, O God; that we are not consumed, because thy compassions fail not; they are
 Lam. iii. 23. new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. But to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee.
 Dan. ix. 8. We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but thy word assures us that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse
 1 John i. 8, 9. us from all unrighteousness.

We now, O Lord, acknowledge our transgressions, and would set
 Ps. li. 3. our sins before us. We acknowledge that we have within us a carnal mind, which is enmity against
 Rom. viii. 7. thee,—that our souls cleave unto

Ps. cxix. 25. the dust,—and that out of the evil
treasure of our hearts, we have
Matt. xii. 35. brought forth many evil things.
Jonah ii. 8. We acknowledge that we have
followed after lying vanities; and
that whilst we have made provision
Rom. xiii. 14. for the flesh to fulfil the lusts there-
2 Tim. iv. 10. of, loving this present evil world,
we have forsaken the fountain of
living waters, for cisterns, broken
Jer. ii. 13. cisterns, that can hold no water.
We acknowledge, also, that we have
been guilty concerning our bro-
Gen. xlii. 21. ther; for the bowels of our com-
passion have often been shut up
1 John iii. 17. from those that were in need; and
instead of following after the things
which make for peace, and things
Rom. xiv. 19. wherewith one may edify another,
we have sat in judgment upon
others, not considering ourselves,
Gal. vi. 1. lest we also be tempted. We ac-
knowledge, also, our pride and our
evil heart of unbelief as the source

of all our sins, which incline us to
Heb. iii. 12. depart from the living God. We
 have not walked humbly with thee,
Mic. vi. 8. our God; but have leaned to our
Prov. iii. 5. own understanding, and have gone
 about to establish our own righteous-
 ness, and have not submitted
 ourselves unto the righteousness
Rom. x. 3. of God.

And now, O our God, what
 shall we say after this? for we
Ezra ix. 10. have forsaken thy commandments.
 Against thee, thee only, have we
 sinned, and done this evil in thy
Psalm li. 4. sight; but, O Lord, cast us not
Psalm li. 11. away from thy presence;—take
 not thy Holy Spirit from us. Give
Ez. xxxvi. 26. us a new heart; a broken and a
 contrite heart, which thou wilt not
Psalm li. 17. despise. Enable us to cry out, in the
 spirit of the publican, God be mer-
Luke xviii. 13. ciful to us, sinners; and, O Lord,
 justify us freely by thy grace,
 through the redemption that is in

Rom. iii. 24. Christ Jesus. In *him* we believe,
 Mark ix. 24. O help thou our unbelief. With
 John xx. 28. *Thomas* may we adore him as our
 LORD and our God;—with *Paul*
 may we count all things but loss
 for the excellency of the know-
 ledge of Christ Jesus our Lord;
 Phil. iii. 8, 9. —with *Peter* may we in sincerity
 say, To whom shall we go?—
 thou only hast the words of eternal
 John vi. 68. life;—with the beloved disciple
 may we ascribe unto him that
 loved us, and washed us from
 our sins in his own blood, glory
 Rev. i. 5. and dominion for ever and ever.
Amen.

Remember us, O Lord, with the
 favour that thou bearest unto thy
 Psalm cvi. 4. people; O visit us with thy sal-
 vation. We ask not for riches,
 wealth, or honour, but do thou
 2 Chron. i. 11. feed us with food convenient for
 Prov. xxx. 8. us. We would seek, first, the
 kingdom of God and his right-

Matt. vi. 33. eousness, and all those things which
accompany salvation. In every
time of trouble we would make the
Psal. ix. 9. Lord our refuge, casting all our
1 Pet. v. 7. care upon thee, who carest for us.
O Lord, bless us, we beseech thee,
with all spiritual blessings in hea-
Eph. i. 3. venly things in Christ Jesus. Open
our understandings that we may
Luke xxiv. 45. understand the scriptures. Let
the word of Christ dwell in us
Col. iii. 16. richly in all wisdom. May we not
be carried about with divers and
strange doctrines, but may our
hearts be established with thy
Heb. xiii. 9. grace. May the Spirit of truth
John xvi. 13. guide us into all truth, and cause
us to hold fast the form of sound
words which we have heard, in
faith and love which is in Christ
2 Tim. i. 13. Jesus. May the Holy Ghost shed
Rom. v. 5. abroad in our hearts the love
of Christ; and fill us with all
Rom. xv. 13. joy and peace in believing. And

may he enable us to walk worthy
 of the vocation wherewith we are
 called; with all lowliness and
 meekness, with long-suffering, for-
 bearing one another in love; en-
 deavouring to keep the unity of
 Eph. iv. 1, 2, 3. the Spirit in the bond of peace.
 Let thy word, O Lord, be hid in
 our hearts, that we may not sin
 Ps. cxix. 11. against thee; and make us zea-
 Gal. iv. 18. lously affected in every good cause.
 May we be stedfast and unmove-
 able, always abounding in the work
 of the Lord, forasmuch as we know
 that our labour is not in vain in
 1 Cor. xv. 58. the Lord. And may we grow in
 grace and in the knowledge of
 2 Pet. iii. 18. our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
 and be fervent in spirit, serving
 the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient
 in tribulation, continuing instant
 Rom. xii. 11, 12. in prayer; looking for that blessed
 hope, and the glorious appearing of
 the great God and our Saviour

Titus ii. 13. Jesus Christ, when he shall come
to be glorified in his saints, and to
2 Thes. i. 10. be admired in all them that believe.
We ask all these mercies in that
Phil. ii. 9. name which is above every name,
even the name of Jesus, who hath
taught us when we pray, to say,

Mat. vi. 9—13. *Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

1 Cor. xiii. 14. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.*

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD, thou art worthy to
 receive glory, and honour, and
 power: for thou hast created all
 things, and for thy pleasure they
 are and were created. Every day
 will we bless thee; and praise thy
 name for ever and ever. For it is
 a good thing to give thanks unto
 the LORD, and to sing praises
 unto thy name, O Most High; to
 show forth thy loving-kindness in
 the morning, and thy faithfulness
 every night.

We praise thee for our many
 temporal blessings. In thee we
 live and move and have our being.

We lay ourselves down and sleep,
 for thou, Lord, dost sustain us.

Thou dost preserve us in our going
 out and our coming in, and suf-
 ferest no evil to befall us, nor any

Psalm xc. 10. plague to come nigh our dwelling.

Prov. xxx. 8. Thou feedest us with food conve-

1 Tim. vi. 17. nient for us, and givest us all things richly to enjoy.

But we praise thee more especially for our *spiritual blessings*. We bless thee, O Lord, for that faithful saying, which is worthy of all acceptation, that CHRIST
1 Tim. i. 15. JESUS came into the world to save sinners. We give thanks to thee that thou hast laid on him the
Isaiah liii. 6. iniquity of us all,—that in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according
Eph. i. 7. to the riches of his grace,—that
Heb. vii. 25. he ever liveth to make interces-
2 Cor. xii. 9. sion for us,—that his grace is sufficient for us,—and that he hath left us an example, that we should
1 Peter ii. 21. follow his steps. We praise thee for the promise of the HOLY SPIRIT, whose office it is to convince us of
John xvi. 9. sin, to testify of the Saviour, to
John xv. 26.

Rom. v. 5. shed abroad his love in our hearts,
 Rom. xv. 13. and to fill us with all joy and peace
 in believing. We bless thee also
 for the Holy Scriptures, and for
 permitting us to hear in our own
 tongue thy wonderful works ; for
 Act . 11. giving unto us thy holy sabbaths ;
 Neh. ix. 14. for sending to us the word of sal-
 Acts xiii. 26. vation ; and for enabling us to
 enjoy the ordinances of thy holy
 Micah iv. 4. sanctuary, none making us afraid.
 Ps. lxxviii. 20. And, O thou God of salvation,
 if we have been translated out of
 Col. i. 13. darkness into the kingdom of thy
 dear Son,—if the gospel has come
 to us not only in word, but in
 1 Thes. i. 5. power, and in the Holy Ghost, and
 in much assurance,—if we have
 Isaiah lvi. 7. been made joyful in thy house of
 prayer,—if Christ has been formed
 in our hearts the hope of glory,—
 Col. i. 27. if sin reigns not in our mortal
 body, that we should obey it in the
 lust thereof, but we are yielding

ourselves unto God, as those that
 Rom. vi. 12. are alive from the dead,—if the
 1 Peter ii. 7. Lord Jesus is precious unto us,
 2 Cor. v. 14. and his love constraineth us to
 adorn the doctrine of God our
 Titus ii. 10. Saviour in all things:—then will
 we glorify and praise thee, saying,
 Not unto us, but unto thy name
 be the glory, for thy mercy and for
 Psalm cxv. 1. thy truth's sake. What shall we
 render unto the Lord for all his
 benefits towards us? We will take
 the cup of salvation, and call upon
 Ps. cxvi. 12. the name of the Lord.

O God, the God of the spirits
 Num. xvi. 22. of all flesh, we would now make
 our prayers unto thee for all men,
 for our King, and for all that are
 in authority, that we may lead a
 quiet and peaceable life in all god-
 1 Tim. ii. 1, 2. liness and honesty. Let mercy
 Prov. xx. 28. and truth preserve the King, and
 Prov. xxv. 5. may his throne be established in
 righteousness. Let violence no

more be heard in our land, wasting
nor destruction within our bor-
ders; but let our walls be called

Isaiah lx. 18. salvation, and our gates praise.

Bless thy servants to whom thou
hast committed the ministry of re-
2 Cor. v. 18. conciliation. Make them mighty
Acts xviii. 24. in the scriptures. Let utterance
be given to them, that they may
open their mouths boldly, to make
Eph. vi. 19. known the mystery of the gospel,
Eph. iii. 8. and to preach the unsearchable
riches of Christ. Let them be an
example to the believers, in word,
1 Tim. iv. 12. in conversation, in charity, in spi-
rit, in faith, in purity. May they
be instant in season and out of
2 Tim. iv. 2. season; in meekness instructing
those that oppose themselves; if
God, peradventure, will give them
repentance to the acknowledging
2 Tim. ii. 25. of the truth. O thou Lord of the
harvest, we pray thee that thou wilt
Matt. ix. 38. send forth more labourers into thine

- 1 Cor. iii. 7. harvest; and as it is thou alone that
 givest the increase, we beseech
 thee that thy hand may be with
 thy servants, that great numbers
 Acts xi. 21. may believe, and turn unto thee.
 May grace be with all them that
 love our Lord Jesus Christ in sin-
 Eph. vi. 24. cerity. Bless them with all spi-
 ritual blessings in heavenly things
 Eph. i. 3. in Christ; and being washed, and
 justified, and sanctified in the name
 of the Lord Jesus, and by the
 1 Cor. vi. 11. Spirit of our God, may thy peace
 Col. iii. 15. rule in their hearts, and may they
 increase and abound in love one
 1 Thes. iii. 12. toward another.

And, O thou Saviour of the
 world, who wast sent to be a light
 Luke ii. 32. to lighten the Gentiles, and the
 glory of thy people Israel; have
 respect unto the covenant, for the
 Ps. lxxiv. 20. dark places of the earth are full of
 the habitations of cruelty. O let
 thy righteousness be openly shewed

in the sight of the heathen, and
 let all the ends of the earth see
 Ps. xcvi. 3. thy salvation. From the rising of
 the sun even unto the going down
 of the same, let thy name be great
 Mal. i. 11. among the Gentiles. And, O Lord,
 Ps. cxxxv. 6. we pray to thee for the peace of
 Jerusalem. Our heart's desire and
 prayer for Israel is, that they may
 Rom. x. 1. be saved. Let the veil that is upon
 2 Cor. iii. 15. their hearts be taken away, that
 they may turn unto the Lord; and
 according to thy promise, pour
 upon them the Spirit of grace and
 of supplication; that they may look
 Zech. xii. 10. upon *him* whom they have pierced,
 and mourn. And, O hasten the
 time when Zion shall arise and
 shine, because her light is come,
 Isaiah lx. 1. and the glory of the LORD is risen
 upon her.

And now, Lord, what wait we
 Ps. lxxviii. 7. for? our hope is in thee. Thou
 art our refuge and our fortress;

Psalm. xci. 2. our God;—in thee will we trust.

Help us to cast all our care upon
1 Peter v. 7. thee, who carest for us. Let thy
goodness and mercy follow us all
Ps. xxiii. 6. the days of our life; and being
guided by thy counsel, may we
Ps. lxxiii. 24. afterwards be received up into
glory.

Now, unto him that is able to
do exceeding abundantly above all
that we can ask or think, accord-
ing to the power that worketh in
us, unto him be glory in the
church, by Christ Jesus, through-
Eph. iii. 20, 21. out all ages, world without end.
Amen.

1 Cor. xiii. 14. *The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.*

MORNING *and* EVENING PRAYERS, *adapted to the principal* HOLY SEASONS, *which the* CHURCH OF ENGLAND *commemorates in her yearly service.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.

MORNING.

O LORD GOD, FATHER OF MERCIES, who hast in the exceeding riches of thy grace, so loved the world, as to give thine only-begotten Son, to take upon him our nature, and to bear our sins in his own body on the cross, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life ; help us on this holy day with true humility and reverence, and with heartfelt gratitude and love, to bless thy Name for this thine unspeakable gift.

O thou HOLY SPIRIT, the power of the Most High, the glorifier of JESUS, of him who by thine operation was made *very man*

of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother, and that without spot of sin, that he might make us clean from all sin : Shine upon our souls, and discover to us his glory and his grace. Enlighten our understandings that we may believe thy word, which reveals that great mystery of godliness, GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, which is this day more particularly commemorated by thy Church.

We are, O Lord, miserable sinners, unworthy to lift up our eyes unto thee ; our understandings are naturally dark, and our minds opposed to thy will and word, alienated from thee through the ignorance that is in us ; of ourselves we know nothing ; we can do nothing as we ought ; and in all things we come infinitely short of our bounden duty and our reasonable service. But as is the majesty of thy glory, so is thy mercy in Christ Jesus ; through him we are invited and encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

O merciful God, we now draw nigh unto thee; we plead thy promises, and we beseech thee to bless us this morning with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Make us joyful in thy house of prayer. May we, with thy holy prophet, rejoice that "unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given, whose name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace." May we with the shepherds go in faith to Bethlehem, and return with adoring wonder, praising and glorifying God for this great event. May we, with the choir of angels, tune our harps to the praise of redeeming mercy, and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men." O what manner of love is this! Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

And whilst we contemplate the wondrous mystery of the incarnation and birth of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we duly remember all

the blessed ends for which he left the glory that he had with the Father before the world was, and became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. May we feel our need of his salvation, and receive with thankfulness that gospel which proclaims it to us. May we endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;—acting as his peculiar people, whom he hath redeemed from all iniquity, and made zealous of good works. O may a deep sense of the infinite mercy of God our Saviour ever constrain us to love him with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; and having this hope within us, may we purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

EVENING.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST; that which we believe of the glory of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost, the same do we believe of thy glory, without any difference or inequality. We adore thee as the eternal WORD by whom the worlds were made, the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person, yea, as GOD over all, blessed for ever; who, for us men and for our salvation, didst come down from heaven, and wast incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and wast made man. O blessed Saviour! in thine infinite condescension and in thy love to our sinful race, thou wast made a little lower than the angels, and didst become a partaker of flesh and blood, that through death thou mightest destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

We praise thee, that the mystery which hath been hid from ages and generations, hath been revealed unto us, and that this day we have again heard the glad tidings that, "Unto us was born a Saviour, which is CHRIST THE LORD."

O Lord, we bless thee for the opportunities which we have this day enjoyed of waiting upon thee in thy house, and of hearing and meditating upon thy holy word. Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity. Enable us not only to confess thee before men as our LORD and our GOD, but to feel our need of thee as our only Saviour and Mediator, through whom alone we can have access to the throne of grace. Fill our minds with joy and peace in believing. O dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able

to comprehend with all saints, what is the height, and depth, and length, and breadth, of the wondrous love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. And from a sense of thy love to us, may we love one another, endeavouring to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and to diffuse the savour of thy name among all around us. O may we daily receive out of thy fulness renewed supplies of grace, that we may be conformed to thine image, and be prepared for the enjoyment of thy glory.

O Saviour and light of the world ; thou art the light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel ; arise and shine upon the world which is lying in darkness. Pour out of thy Spirit, as thou hast promised, upon all flesh. Prosper the humble efforts of thy servants to extend the knowledge of thy truth, both in heathen lands, and also among those who are called by thy name. O LORD, thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory ; do thou add to thy church daily such as shall be

saved. Let thy way be made known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Blessed and holy LORD JESUS! at thy name shall every knee be made to bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue shall confess that THOU art LORD, to the glory of GOD THE FATHER. Hasten, O Lord, thy coming and thy kingdom; hasten the time when all flesh shall see thy salvation.

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise GOD OUR SAVIOUR, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD bless us and keep us. THE LORD make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. THE LORD lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY;

OR, DURING THE SEASON OF LENT.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O MOST HOLY LORD GOD, unto whom all things are naked and open, and before whom nothing that is unrighteous shall stand : We come before thee at this season to consider our ways, and turn unto thee. But, O Lord, our hearts are, by nature, hard and insensible. We cannot repent of ourselves, nor feel the evil of sin ; our confessions are oftentimes merely the service of the lip ; our prayers are as though we prayed not ;—and pride, corruption, and the world, have frequently the dominion over us.

O thou Holy Spirit, melt our souls, we beseech thee, into a godly sorrow, which may work repentance not to be repented of.

Help us to search into the deep recesses of our hearts. So bring our sins to our remembrance, and set them in order before us, that we may be truly humbled, and may approach thy throne of grace with broken and contrite spirits, to implore the forgiveness of our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, our only refuge and hope.

O thou heart-searching God, it is in vain to dissemble with thee; thou knowest that we are corrupt in our very nature, and that we have made ourselves still much more corrupt by our multiplied transgressions, which from time to time we have committed, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We have sinned against thy holy laws, in thought, in word, and in deed, and we have also frequently turned away our ears from the tender mercies of thy gospel, through the hardness and the impenitency of the evil heart of unbelief which dwelleth within us. But, O merciful Lord God, we are encouraged to draw nigh unto thee, since thou despisest not the

sighing of the humble and contrite heart. To us indeed belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee; but to thee, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses. Thou declarest thine almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity to all who come unto thee in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour; we now plead his name; we make mention of his atoning blood, and we beseech thee for his righteousness' sake, to forgive us our trespasses, and to be gracious unto us. Thy property is always to have mercy. Spare us, O Lord, though for our evil deeds we deserve punishment. Turn thou us, and so shall we be turned. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name. O may we not only mourn over our sins with godly sorrow, but may we also renounce all ungodliness and worldly

lusts; may we utterly hate and turn from every evil way. And may a due sense of thy tender forbearance and long-suffering towards us, and of thy pardoning mercy to all who flee for refuge to the hope set before them in Christ Jesus, have a constraining influence over our hearts and lives; that we may seek thy glory in all things; and that we may live constantly in the spirit of prayer, in faith, in humility, in self-denial, in deadness to the world, and in conformity to the commands and the example of Christ. O help us to give up ourselves at this time anew to thy service. O God of peace, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, blessed Lord, leave us not, nor forsake us, while we are continued in this vale of tears. Let thy whole will be done in us and by us, until we shall be delivered from all the effects of sin and death; and with all those that are departed in the true

faith of thy holy name, shall have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thine eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; send down upon us at this time thy Holy Spirit, whose office it is to take of the things which are Christ's, and to show them to his people: and let his grace humble our souls under a conviction of our manifold sins, our guilt, and our corruption; and fill us with lively gratitude, whilst we remember the exceeding great love of our only Saviour Jesus Christ; and

the innumerable benefits which he hath obtained for us, by the shedding of his most precious blood.

Most blessed Lord ! we desire to praise and magnify thy holy name, for revealing unto us the stupendous mystery which, at this season, we are more especially led to contemplate.

Oh ! that we could always bear it in our remembrance with suitable affections ! But, Lord, it is thou alone who canst direct our hearts into the love of Christ. Shed abroad this love in our souls by thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be faithless but believing. Enable us to comprehend and learn in some measure, with all thy saints, what is the height, and depth, and length, and breadth, of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to join in the solemn services of thy holy temple this day. While we call to mind the sufferings of our blessed Saviour ; and by faith flee for the pardon of our sins to his cross, may

we be taught the evil of sin,—the vanity of the world,—the worth of our souls,—and the obligations which lie upon us, to mortify all sin in our members; to be submissive to thy blessed will in all our sufferings; to love thy salvation; and to live not unto ourselves but unto Him who died for us, and rose again. May we be enabled individually with humility and godly sincerity, to say, “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Bless all thy servants who are appointed to preach thy Gospel this day. Enable them faithfully to set forth JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM CRUCIFIED, as the Redeemer of lost sinners, bearing the iniquities of his people; and as the Saviour of mankind, full of grace and mercy, to sanctify and save the souls of men. And be pleased to clothe thy word with thine own mighty power; that sinners may be converted from sin and death; and,

looking to JESUS, may find in him pardon and salvation suitable to all their wants ; and that thy saints may have their faith established, their love enkindled, and their hope confirmed of enjoying the beatific vision of the Lamb, when they shall see the glorified Saviour as he is, and, with the myriads of his redeemed around the throne, be eternally employed in singing, “Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, be glory and dominion for ever and ever.”

Grant these our imperfect petitions for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose comprehensive form of prayer, we further address thee :

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY.

EVENING.

O GOD THE SON, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. We adore thee, that from love to our sinful race thou didst leave thy throne of glory, and become flesh, and dwell among us. We adore thee, that, though Lord of all, thou wast willing to endure the contradiction of sinners against thyself; yea, to sustain the anger of God against sin, when, to make atonement for us men and for our salvation, thou, most holy Jesus, didst bear our sins and become obedient unto death, even the death of the *cross*. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, by thy precious death and burial, good Lord, deliver us. Deliver us, from the curse of the law, from the love

of sin, from the power of Satan, and from the fear of death.

O blessed Saviour; may we not only now, and at each return of this season, but at all times delight to meditate upon the wonders and triumphs of thine almighty love in dying for us. Whilst we look to the CROSS may we see the dreadful character of sin, and abhor it; and whilst we are filled with joy and peace in believing, may the value of the inestimable price which thou hast paid for our redemption constrain us to live only and wholly to thy service. In all the afflictions of life may we remember the cup of sorrows of which thou didst drink. May we learn of thee resignation, and meekness, and patience of injuries. May we tread in thy steps, and be conformed to thine image. May thy commandments be our delight, and thy glory be the great object, and desire of our souls.

Blessed Lord, hear, we beseech thee, our prayers in behalf of all mankind. Send down the promised blessing of thy Holy

Spirit, that all who are called by thy name, but are enemies to thy cross, either by their lives or their doctrine, may be converted from the error of their ways. May their hearts be awakened to feel their guilt and danger; and may they flee for refuge to thee, who alone canst deliver them from the wrath to come. And we pray thee to help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Let thy love be shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost being given to them; and supply all their wants out of thine infinite fulness. Comfort those that are afflicted; strengthen those that are weak, and confirm those that are strong; and help them to glorify thee with their bodies and their spirits which are thine.

O Saviour of the world; who hast the promise of the heathen for thine inheritance, and of the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession; pour out of thy Spirit upon all flesh. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and

contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under One Shepherd.

Prosper every attempt to spread the knowledge of thy Gospel throughout the world, and hasten the day when thy kingdom shall fully come, and when all flesh shall see thy salvation. In the anticipation of this glorious period, when thou shalt see of the travail of thy soul and be satisfied, may we be enabled to say in faith, and love, and joy, “ Even so come, Lord Jesus ; and reign King of kings, and Lord of lords ”

We ask all these mercies, for ourselves and others, for thy Name’s sake ; and would ascribe to thee, the Lamb of God, who wast slain and hast redeemed us by thy blood, —blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

EASTER SUNDAY.

MORNING.

MOST GRACIOUS GOD ; to whom belong the issues of life and death : We bless thee for permitting us to see the return of this *Sabbath*, for this *Sabbath-day* is an *high day*. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We are bound to praise thee, O God the Father, for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; who, since the grave could not long retain him, nor death obtain a victory over him, has proved himself to be the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world ; for by his death he hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he hath restored to us everlasting life.

Make us joyful this day, O Lord, in thy house of prayer ; may we bow at thy footstool in humble dependence on thy promises, and in humble hope of thy salvation, whilst we commemorate the resurrection of CHRIST ;

that glorious event, by the accomplishment of which all the promises of thy holy Gospel are assured to us. May we feel the power of that truth in our own souls; and contemplating not only the cross and the grave, but also the risen and exalted Saviour, may our affections be set on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. May we die unto sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. And may we be enabled, in the full exercise of faith and hope, and of love and joy, to say, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us."

Pour down thy Spirit from on high on the ministers of thy word ; and while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, may sinners who are dead in trespasses and sins be quickened to newness of life ; and may thy saints be established in their most holy faith, and be supplied with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. And grant that they and we, with the residue of thy holy church, may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God, for his merits who died and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

EASTER SUNDAY.

EVENING.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST ; who art the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die, and through

whom whosoever liveth and believeth in thee shall not die eternally: We beseech thee, that we may be raised from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; and being supplied with all spiritual blessings out of thine infinite fulness, may be prepared for the enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom.

O Lord, our eyes are lifted up unto thee; thou art our Life, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Thou art the first and the last; who wast dead and art alive for evermore, and hast the keys of hell and of death. Plead for us; give us the victory over sin, and over the fear of death, and over the powers of darkness; and sanctify and save our souls.

We thank thee that the word of thy salvation hath been sent to us; and we beseech thee to grant, that what we have this day heard with our outward ears, may, by thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that it may bring forth fruit to thy praise and glory. May thy Gospel come unto us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; and

may we give daily evidence that we are dead unto sin, and are walking in newness of life.

O Saviour of mankind; look down in mercy upon the world which lieth in wickedness. Regard the desolations of thy church; add unto it daily such as shall be saved; and make it a praise in all the earth. And O thou who art the Deliverer that shall come out of Zion, and turn away ungodliness from Jacob, arise and have mercy upon thine ancient people; and let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that thou art both LORD and CHRIST. Remove the veil from their hearts; and whilst they turn unto thee whom their fathers have pierced, and mourn, may they behold thy glory, and the fulness of thy salvation. And, O Lord, diffuse the light of thy Gospel amongst the nations which sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Send forth many labourers, who shall be willing to spend and be spent, in testifying the Gospel of the grace of God; and enable them to gather many souls into thy kingdom. Hasten thy coming, O Lord; hasten

the time when the heathen shall come and worship before thee, and all the earth shall glorify thy name.

In an especial manner bless us, and all who are dear to us. Make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us, while we are passing through this vale of tears: And, O thou risen and exalted Saviour, who hast overcome the sharpness of death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers: enable us to triumph in the prospect of a joyful resurrection. May the grave, and gate of death, be to us the entrance to eternal blessedness: and when thou shalt come to be glorified in thy saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, may we be numbered amongst them; and be permitted to cast our crowns at thy feet, saying, "Blessing and honour, and glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever." *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

ASCENSION DAY ;

OR THE SUNDAY AFTER,

MORNING OR EVENING.

O MERCIFUL GOD, our heavenly Father ; who, in thine infinite love to our sinful race, sparedst not thine own Son, but didst deliver him up for us all, that thou mightest, with him, freely give us all things ; Enable us, whom thou hast preserved by thy kind providence unto this day, now to draw nigh unto thee, in a simple dependence upon thy promises, and in an humble hope of thy salvation.

We can add nothing, O Lord, by our feeble praises to thy glory ; for we are unworthy so much as to lift up our eyes unto thee ; but we desire to acknowledge thy perfections, and to ascribe all power, and blessing, and glory, to thy grace, as the fountain from whence all thy mercies flow. O Lord, preserve us from receiving these

mercies with an unthankful heart, because they are common, and are daily renewed to us ; but make us more particularly sensible of the value of those spiritual blessings which are treasured up in Christ Jesus ; and which are communicated to those that believe on his Name. Lord, we would believe, help thou our unbelief. Remove from us all ignorance and impenitency, and every thing that would hinder us from beholding the glory of Christ, and the greatness of his salvation. O thou who didst cause the light to shine out of darkness, shine into our hearts, and give unto us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of JESUS CHRIST. Enable us to receive him in all his gracious characters and offices, as GOD manifest in the flesh,—the Prophet, Priest, and King of his church,—the way, the truth, and the life ; who not only died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, but has ascended up on high ; where he ever liveth to make intercession for us ; and is exalted at thy right

hand, with almighty power, to give repentance and remission of sins. Accept, O most merciful Father, the intercession of our great High Priest on our behalf; that we may obtain those blessings which he is exalted to bestow upon his people. And grant that as we do believe thine only-begotten Son to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; that when he shall come again, he may receive us unto himself; that where he is, we may be also, for evermore.

O Saviour of the world, who by thy blood hast obtained eternal redemption for us; thou hast taught us that all men should honour thee even as they honour the Father. Thou art the King of glory, O CHRIST. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

With thine own right hand and with thy holy arm thou hast gotten thyself the victory. Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and hast received gifts for men, yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them. Thou, O Christ, art our life, and in thee all fulness of grace dwelleth. We therefore pray thee to help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. Supply all our wants out of thine infinite fulness. Subdue all our spiritual enemies. Grant us the continuance and increase of that grace which is "sufficient for us;" and may our hearts and affections be surely there fixed, where true joys are to be found. Remember us, O Lord Jesus, now that thou art entered into thy kingdom. O leave us not comfortless, but send to us thy Holy Spirit to comfort us; and exalt us to the same place whither thou art gone before; //

that when our time on earth has expired, we may also ascend and reign with thee in glory.

Most merciful Father, we praise thee for that Gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. O that it may have free course and be glorified; that thy ways may be known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations. Pour out thy Holy Spirit, as thou hast promised, upon all flesh; that he may glorify the risen and ascended Saviour, by making him and his great salvation known unto the children of men. O hasten the glory of the latter day, when all with one heart and one consent, shall turn unto thee; so that at the name of JESUS every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. And, O Lord, may all of us who are now before thee be personally interested in his great salvation. May the love of Christ be shed abroad in our hearts. And may our minds and desires be weaned from the perishing enjoyments of this world,

and fixed upon those things which are unseen and eternal. May we be looking for the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ : and grant that when that blessed day shall arrive, we may, with thy whole church triumphant, see him as he is, and admire and adore him as we ought. To whom, with thyself, O heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed, now and ever, undivided and eternal praises. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WHITSUNDAY.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O THOU ETERNAL SPIRIT, the Author and Giver of life ; who proceedest from the Father and the Son ; who with the Father

and the Son together art worshipped and glorified ; by whose holy inspiration alone we can think those things that be good, and by whose merciful guidance alone we can perform the same : graciously enlighten our minds, renew our hearts, and spiritualize our affections, that we may worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. We lament that we have so often dishonoured thee, and that other lords have had dominion over us. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed against thy Divine Majesty. We deplore the alienation of our minds from thee, and the corruption of our hearts. We feel that there is no spiritual health in us.

But, O thou blessed Spirit, whose office it is to convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment : subdue, we beseech thee, the pride, the carnality, and the worldliness of our hearts. Take from us the evil heart of unbelief ; and

glorify Christ in our souls, by taking of the things which are His, and showing them unto us. Shed abroad in our hearts a lively sense of the Saviour's unutterable love to us; and may it produce in us a suitable return of love to him, to his word, his sabbaths, his people, and his laws. O blessed Lord, we are nothing, we know nothing, we can do nothing, without thy grace. Let all the good pleasure of thy will be done in us and by us. Be a powerful principle of life, and light, and love, and of all grace and holiness in our souls. Open our understandings to understand the holy Scriptures; that the doctrines of thy word may be the rule of our faith, and its precepts the rule of our practice; and that all its great and precious promises may be realized by us in our experience. Discover to us the fulness of grace that is in our Immanuel; that we may find him to be all our salvation, and all our desire. And whilst we experience thy heavenly consolations, and are filled with joy and peace in believing, stir us up

to every good word and work. Subdue our unholy tempers and dispositions by thy mighty power; and enable us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and temperance. O perfect that which concerneth us; and make us to endure unto the end; that so, when the Lord Jesus shall come to be glorified in his saints, and admired in them that believe, an abundant entrance may be administered unto us, into his eternal glory.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to join with thy people in the solemn services of thy holy temple. Refresh and comfort our souls while waiting upon thee in the ordinances of thine own appointment. And let thy Gospel come unto us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; that we may receive the word with joy in the Holy Ghost. Prophets and righteous men have desired to see the things which we see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things

which we hear, and have not heard them.
O that it may be said of us with truth,
“Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and
your ears, for they hear.”

Bless all our congregations. Bless all
ranks and conditions of men amongst us.
Send down upon the Bishops and Pastors of
thy flock the continual dew of thy blessing.
May they remember that all their sufficiency
is of thee. May they preach the Gospel of
the grace of God with simplicity and godly
sincerity; and may it be attended with
the demonstration of thy Spirit;—with the
effectual working of thy mighty power;
that sinners may be converted from the
error of their ways; and that all who
confess thy holy name may agree in the
truth of thy holy word, and live in unity
and godly love.

O God of the spirits of all flesh; thou
hast commanded us to pray, “Thy kingdom
come;” and hast graciously promised that
all the ends of the earth shall see thy
salvation: Give effect, we beseech thee, to

all the endeavours of thy servants, to spread abroad the knowledge of the Gospel of Christ. Regard thine ancient people Israel with thine especial mercy. O Lord, we trust that the time to favour Zion, yea, the set time, is now at hand. Pour out, we beseech thee, on the house of Judah, the Spirit of grace and of supplication; that they may look upon Him whom they have pierced and mourn. Make Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy; that the Gentiles may come to her light, and kings to the brightness of her rising. Hasten, O Lord, the period when all the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ. Arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us for thy Name's sake; for it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord, that thy kingdom shall be established in the earth.

Hear these our prayers for ourselves and for others; and do for us abundantly above all that we can ask or think; for the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

to whom with the Father, and thyself, thou eternal Spirit, Three Persons in ONE JEHOVAH, we would ascribe glory and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

MORNING.

O GOD THE FATHER of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O GOD THE SON, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O GOD THE HOLY GHOST, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O HOLY, BLESSED, AND GLORIOUS TRINITY, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Praised be thy Name, O thou great and glorious GOD OF LOVE, for the revelation which thou hast been pleased to make to us of thyself, as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; and of the purposes of thy grace and mercy towards our sinful world. O Lord God, we humbly beseech thee to enlighten our minds, and sanctify our affections ; that we may receive with humility, and embrace with sincerity, on the authority of thy word, that profound mystery which thy Church this day celebrates. Deliver us, O Lord, from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism ; and enable us to hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard, in faith and love.

Give us grace that we may worship thee as ONE GOD, ONE LORD ; not ONE ONLY PERSON, but THREE PERSONS IN ONE SUBSTANCE. We adore thee, THE FATHER of an infinite majesty, Maker of heaven and earth, who didst not spare thine only-begotten Son, but didst give him up to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. We

adore thee, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his Person; who for us men, and for our salvation, didst leave the glory which thou hadst before the world was, and didst humble thyself to become incarnate, and obedient unto death. Thou art now exalted far above all principalities and powers; and, enthroned in the highest glory in thy kingdom, art the object of admiration and adoration to saints and angels. We adore thee, O HOLY SPIRIT, the Author and Giver of life, the Glorifier of Jesus, the Spirit of holiness; who sanctifiest all the elect people of God, regenerating their hearts, guiding them into all truth, helping their infirmities, and preparing them for the beatific vision of the Lamb in the world to come. We adore thee, O thou TRIUNE JEHOVAH, Three Persons in One God;—for that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or

inequality. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory : Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Bless us this day, O Lord our God, whilst we wait for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple ; and bless all the assemblies of thy people, who shall be gathered together in thy name. May sinners be quickened to newness of life. O visit their souls with thy salvation. Reveal to them thy gracious character in the Gospel of Jesus Christ ; that they may feel the powerful attraction of thy grace, and have their minds and desires drawn from the perishable enjoyments of this world to the unspeakable and everlasting glories of thine eternal kingdom. And may thy people be built up on their most holy faith, and know more assuredly this day, that through JESUS CHRIST they may all have access by ONE

SPIRIT unto the FATHER. May they enjoy the fulness of the blessings contained in the apostolical benediction,—the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost. O let thy ways be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God ; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O LORD God our heavenly Father, bless us and keep us ; O LORD GOD, the only-begotten of the Father, make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; O LORD God the Holy Ghost, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. Let thy name, O LORD JEHOVAH, be put upon us ; and do thou bless us, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

OCCASIONAL PETITIONS

TO BE ADDED TO THE PRECEDING FORMS.

*When any of the Family intend to partake
of the Lord's Supper.*

Most blessed Saviour; who hast instituted and ordained in thy Church holy mysteries, as pledges of thy love, and for a continual remembrance of thy death, to our great and endless comfort: grant that those of us who partake this day of the Sacrament of thy most precious Body and Blood, may approach thy holy table with reverence and godly fear. Enable us anew to make a surrender of ourselves unto thee, whilst we apply to the blessed fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness. Lord, give us an humbling sense of our guilt, and of our helplessness; and a lively view of the infinite

sufficiency of thy salvation. Increase our faith in the promises of thy word. Comfort us with the assurance that thou art ours, and that we are thine. Fill our hearts with love to thyself, to thy people, thy worship, and thy word. Make us wholly such as thou wouldst have us to be; and at last receive us to thine eternal and everlasting glory. *Amen.*

When any MEMBER of THE FAMILY is sick.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God; in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways,—we look to thee for help in this our time of need. Submitting ourselves to thy most wise and holy will, we would yet most earnestly supplicate thee on behalf of *thy servant* whose illness causes us great anxiety. O Lord, be gracious to *him*, [or *her*,] and enable *him* to bear with patience those fatherly corrections which thou dost lay upon *him*. O Lord, thou canst

heal as well as wound. Be pleased to rebuke *his* disorder. Show thy power and glory, in raising *him* from the bed of sickness, in prolonging *his* days, and in making *him* a monument of thy pardoning mercy in Christ Jesus. Merciful God, whatever may be the issue of this sickness, make it a blessing to thy servant; work in *him* deep conviction of sin, unfeigned repentance towards thee, and stedfast faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Enable *him* to rest all *his* hopes upon the cross of CHRIST; and, looking unto Jesus, may *he* be filled with resignation, joy, and peace. And shouldest thou in thy tender mercy bless the means which are used for his recovery, —O teach *him* and us to glorify thee, the God of our salvation, in our bodies and our souls, which are thine. Hear, we beseech thee, these our supplications, through the merits and mediation of thy beloved Son, our only Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

When one of THE FAMILY is dangerously ill.

O THOU CREATOR AND PRESERVER of men; to whom belong the issues both of life and death: we earnestly beseech thee to look down in tender compassion on *thy servant*, who now groans under the weight of thy chastisement. When all human resources fail, and all human hope is lost, it is not in vain to flee to thee for succour. To the arms of thy mercy, therefore, we commend our dear *friend*.* We know that nothing is impossible with thee, and that if thou wilt, thou canst even yet raise *him* [or *her*] up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us. But enable us, gracious Lord, to resign our will and desires concerning *him* to thee; for thou knowest what is best both for *him* and for us.

Merciful Lord, should this sickness be unto death, we implore thee to succour and

Or, *Father, Mother, &c.*, as occasion may require.

strengthen *him* in *his* last conflict ; and, the more the outward man decayeth, continually strengthen *him* so much the more with thy grace in the inner man. Give *him* to feel that thou hast washed away all *his* sins in the blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Fill *his* soul with a realizing sense of thy pardoning mercy ; and support *him*, whilst passing through the valley of the shadow of death, by the remembrance of thine exceeding great and precious promises. Looking unto Jesus, may *he* see death deprived of its sting, and the grave of its victory ; yea, may *he* be enabled to triumph in the prospect of being admitted into thy kingdom ; there to unite with the angelic choir, and the spirits of just men made perfect, to celebrate thy glory throughout all eternity.

O Lord, regard *us* in mercy also ; prepare us for whatever thou mayest have appointed for us ; and if thy wisdom and mercy have ordained the removal of *thy servant*, for whom we are now making our supplications

before thee ; enable us to meet the awful stroke with submission of spirit, and to acknowledge and adore the infinite wisdom and love displayed in this and in all thy dispensations towards us. And enable us also to profit by this solemn season. Realize to our minds the uncertainty of all temporal things, and the vast importance of those which are eternal. May we hear thy warning voice saying to us—" Be ye also ready, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall come." O thou God of our salvation, send down an answer of peace to these our humble supplications, and do for us above all that we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.
Amen.

A THANKSGIVING *for the recovery of one of*
THE FAMILY *from dangerous sickness.*

O MOST MERCIFUL LORD GOD; who art wonderful in thy doings, and gracious in thy dispensations towards the children of men; we humbly offer thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for bringing back thy servant from the confines of the grave. Blessed be thy name, that though thou hast chastened *him*, [or *her*,] thou hast not delivered *him* over unto death. In the midst of judgment thou hast remembered mercy: thou hast made all *his* bed in *his* sickness, and hast now restored *him* to *his* family and friends.

O gracious God, we thank thee that thou hast heard our supplications and hast had mercy not on *him* only, but on *us* also; for thou hast turned our mourning into joy, and our disquietude into songs of praise. We beseech thee to bless all further means made use of for *his* more perfect recovery

to bodily health; but above all things impress *his* heart with a grateful sense of thy late goodness towards *him*, that *he* may love thee more fervently, serve thee more cheerfully, and trust in thy salvation more assuredly, than he has done hitherto. Suffer *him* not to become careless, because thou has lengthened out that little span of life which must soon terminate; but make *him* more watchful and diligent, from gratitude for thy mercies vouchsafed to *him*. Open thou *his* lips that *his* mouth may declare thy mercy and truth; and grant both to *him* and to us, a desire to use the day of grace, whilst it shines upon us; looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Eternal Spirit, Three Persons in ONE GOD, be ascribed all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

On the DEATH of one of THE FAMILY.

O THOU MOST MIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD; who art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works; and whose dispensations, though they may seem to be severe, abound with purposes of mercy towards those who fear thy name: we flee to thee for refuge in this our time of need. We would open to thee the sorrows of our hearts, beseeching thee to pour into them the consolations of thy blessed word, and that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

O Lord, thy forbearance towards us is great; for it is of thy mercies that we have not been consumed, and because thy compassions fail not. We have justly brought upon ourselves thine anger; yea, we deserve to endure thy wrath, which thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. O humble us under thy mighty hand. Let this awful visitation with which

thou hast smitten us bring our sins to our remembrance; and cause us to lament and bewail our manifold transgressions, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. To us, indeed, belong shame and confusion of face; but to thee belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against thee. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

O Lord Jesus Christ; who art the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in thee, shall not die eternally: work in us true faith in thy name; visit our souls with thy salvation; and raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall be called from this life, we may

rest in thee, *as our hope is, our dear departed* [relative] *does*, and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and hear thy voice, saying, “Come, ye blessed of my Father, enter ye into the joy of your Lord.”

O Thou Lord of all, teach us whilst we mourn over our distressing bereavement, to bow with submission to that hand which has deprived us of this earthly comfort. Thou hast a right to dispose of us and ours as it seemeth good to thee; nor can any stay thy hand, or say unto thee, What doest thou? Silence the murmurings of our rebellious hearts. Enable us to say with thy servant of old, “The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord.” Loosen our attachment to earthly comforts, which are only lent to us to be recalled whenever it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom. And though we are bereft of *him* [or *her*] whom we loved, yet may we find in thee, who art the eternal Spring and Fountain of all good, infinitely

more than all earthly friends and comforts can supply.

O thou great Disposer of all events, with whom are the issues of life and death, may we hear that warning voice which solemnly speaks to us this day—"Be ye also ready." Make us mindful of our own mortality. Prepare us for whatever thou hast prepared for us; and as our bodies are frail, and our days few and uncertain, may we live as if there were but a step between us and death; and whenever our time shall arrive, may we depart in peace, and fall asleep in JESUS. Our souls shall then be safe in thy hands, and when we awake up in his likeness, we shall be satisfied.

Blessed Lord, our help and our hope are in thee. Perfect that which concerneth us, and may it please thee shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in

thine eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; in whose name we ask every mercy, and in whose comprehensive words we sum up our petitions, saying,

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread : and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

Parents and Instructors may teach the first of these forms of prayer to the youngest children committed to their care, even as soon as they are able to pronounce the words; but the meaning should be explained to their infant minds. And in proportion as their understandings expand, they may be taught to commit to memory, and to repeat the succeeding forms of prayer.

A SHORT PRAYER *for a very Young Child.*

MORNING AND EVENING.

O LORD, thou hast made me and all the world; teach me to love thee, and to praise thee, with my whole heart. Bless [*my papa, mamma, &c., and*] all my dear friends. May I love them, and obey them. Forgive me, for my Saviour's sake, every thing that I have done wrong; and when I die, may I go to heaven, to be with thee for ever. Hear me, for the sake of Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER *for a Young Child.*

MORNING AND EVENING.

O LORD, my heavenly Father; hear the prayers of a weak and sinful child. Thou art a holy God, and hatest sin. Forgive me all my sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Give me a new heart; that I may praise thee for all thy goodness to me; and that I may love and serve thee all the days of my life. In all I do, and speak, and think, may I remember that thou, O Lord, seest me. Bless [*my papa, mamma, &c., and*] all my dear relations, and friends; and make me affectionate and obedient to them. Keep me from all evil by day and by night; and when I die, may I go to heaven, to be with thee for ever. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

For Children of more mature Understanding.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD GOD, my Creator and Benefactor; thy merciful care has preserved me from all dangers during the night that is past. May I think of thy goodness to me with love and gratitude. As thou art the Author of all good things; teach me by thy Holy Spirit to pray aright. Thou knowest all my thoughts, and words, and actions; and thou hatest iniquity. O Lord, graciously pardon what thou hast seen amiss in me, for the sake of thy beloved Son, who died on the cross to save sinners from eternal misery.

Have compassion on the weakness of my youth; and keep me from the evil of this sinful world. Subdue all my proud and evil tempers; and teach me to love thy Sabbaths, thy worship, and thy word. Make me affectionate, respectful, and obedient to my

parents* and teachers. May I always regard them as my best friends, who instruct me in thy will ; and who point out to me the true way to eternal happiness. Enable me to love (my brothers and sisters, and) all my companions ; and to be civil and obliging to every one. O Lord, bless and protect me during the course of this day ; cause me by thy Holy Spirit to live under a constant sense of thy presence ; and when my life on earth shall come to an end, receive me to thyself, to dwell with thee for ever. Hear and answer these my humble petitions for the sake of Jesus Christ my only Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom I live, and move, and have my being ; and who hast

* Here and in all other such places, it is necessary that Children be taught to name only such of their relations as are alive

mercifully brought me to the close of another day; thou art worthy of my confidence and love. The food that nourishes me, the raiment that covers me, the friends who instruct me, are all the gifts of thy goodness towards me.

O help me to praise thee for these and all the blessings of this life; but especially for the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory. Forgive, merciful God, whatever has been wrong in any part of my conduct this day. O wash away all my guilt in my Saviour's precious blood. According to the baptismal vow that was made in my name, enable me to renounce the sinful works of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Instruct me in the truths of thy blessed word; and incline my heart to keep thy holy will and commandments. Bless, O Lord, all my relations and benefactors; and keep them and me this night under thy gracious protection. Refresh us with comfortable sleep, and bring us in

health of body and peace of mind, to the light of another day. Grant that as I grow in age, I may grow in wisdom and in heavenly grace ; and in the knowledge and love of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Accept these my imperfect petitions, for thy dear Son's sake, who has taught me to pray,

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Prayers for Young Persons.

MORNING PRAYER.

FATHER OF MERCIES ; thou Preserver of my days ; enable me with the returning sun to seek the light of thy countenance. Enlighten my dark mind with the beams of thy glorious Gospel ; and warm my cold heart with a grateful sense of thy tender mercies towards me. Thou art infinitely above my highest thoughts ; yea, above all the praises that are offered to thee by the angels of light. But

as is thy majesty, so is thy mercy ; and in thy Gospel thou hast revealed thyself as willing to pardon every penitent sinner, who seeks for mercy through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious Lord ; lead me, under a deep conviction of my own guilt, depravity, and helplessness, to my Redeemer ; who, in order to save sinners from everlasting ruin, veiled his glory in flesh, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Though but young in years, yet, O Lord, I have been too long tied and bound with the chain of my sins ; O let the pitifulness of thy great mercy now loose me. Arm me with that faith which overcometh the world, which purifieth the heart, and which quencheth all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Endue me with strength to resist all the assaults of temptation ; and more especially those to which my early years expose me. Keep me from ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word. Suffer not my lips to speak evil of any one ; but may I be kind

and tender-hearted to all ; and ready to forgive those who may offend or injure me, as I hope for Christ's sake to be forgiven by thee. Enable me to fulfil my several duties with diligence and cheerfulness ; being influenced by a grateful remembrance of my Saviour's redeeming love.

To thy protection and blessing I would commend [*my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and*] all my relations and friends. Bestow upon them the richest blessings of thy grace ; and teach them to esteem thy favour as better than life itself.

Unto thee do I dedicate my soul and body this morning. Vouchsafe to me a continuance of thy favour and protection. Give unto me a constant feeling of dependence on thee, and grant that in all my works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, I may glorify thy holy name, and, finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

O God, my heavenly Father ; who hast promised thy Holy Spirit to those who ask thee in thy Son's name ; pour down this unspeakable blessing upon me ; that my heart may be prepared by his gracious influence to offer up to thee my evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving.

O thou searcher of hearts ; surely I have great cause to approach thee with shame and confusion of face. I am not worthy to lift up mine eyes to the throne of thy glorious majesty. Thou art the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity, whose name is holy ; but I am sinful dust and ashes ; and, even in the day that is past, I must with sorrow confess that I have neither loved thee nor served thee as I ought. Evil thoughts have risen in my mind ; and my heart has been full of pride, and vanity, and self-indulgence. O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come before thee, trusting

in my own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. In myself there is no help; and in my imperfect services I have no hope. But, adored be thy name, thou hast commended thy love to lost sinners, in giving thine only Son to be the propitiation for sin. O Lord, grant that the faith of thy gospel may ever dwell in me, so as to give peace to my conscience, to purify my heart, and to influence my life. Suffer not my affections to be enslaved by the vanities of this world; but enable me to make choice of thee for my present portion, and my everlasting happiness. Let no false hopes or fears, and no sinful pleasures or allurements, ever draw me aside from the path of duty; but, being endued with strength from thee, may I never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; and manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil.

O thou Almighty Being, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful creatures; be pleased to extend thy compas-

sion to all ranks and conditions of men. Let thy ways be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Especially be gracious to my native country. Bless our king; and let his throne be established in righteousness. Bless thy servants who preach thy gospel; and let thy word be attended with the power of the Holy Spirit to the conversion of sinners, and the edification of thy people. Bless those who publish thy salvation to the heathen; and let the knowledge of thy truth soon cover the earth, as the waters cover the depths of the sea.

To thy merciful protection I humbly commit myself and all my friends this night. Bestow the best blessings of heaven and earth on [*my dear father, and mother, &c. and*] all my dear relations. Refresh my wearied limbs with sleep; and grant, that when the morning shall again dawn upon me, the eyes of my soul may be opened by the renewed light of thy grace. Accept all my petitions through the prevailing name

and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, my blessed Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

The following PRAYER may be used on Sunday Morning, in addition to the daily Form of Devotion for Young Persons.

GRACIOUS GOD! who hast set apart this day for sacred purposes, give me grace to improve it to the comfort and edification of my soul. Grant me the privilege of assembling with thy people in thy holy temple; and whilst my lips are uttering the words of prayer, keep my soul from wandering after the vanities of this life. Impress the truths of thy gospel on my heart, and enable me to bring forth the fruits of righteousness to thy praise and glory. Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon thy servants who are

appointed to proclaim thy gospel ; and may the word which they preach, minister grace unto the hearers ; that many may be added to thy church below, and trained up for thy church above. O may our sabbaths on earth be the prelude of the everlasting sabbath in heaven, where love and praise shall no more be interrupted by sin and sorrow. Accept these petitions through Jesus Christ our Saviour ; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A PRAYER to be used before Confirmation, which may be added to the Morning and Evening Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God ! while I am at this time called upon to renew my baptismal engagements, and to devote myself to thy service, by a solemn ordinance of thy church, I would humble myself before thee. O Lord, the number of my sins, and

my hardness and impenitency of heart, since the time I was first dedicated to thee in baptism, are not hidden from thee. I am ashamed when I look back and consider how grievously I have sinned against thee; but O cast me not away from thy presence; take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Thou dost invite and encourage me to return unto thee, in the name of that dear Saviour who died for sinners. O cleanse my guilty soul in the fountain of his blood, and renew my heart by thy Holy Spirit; that I may approach thine altar with a sincere desire of making a willing and cheerful surrender of myself, and of all I have and am, to thee. And strengthen me by the grace of the same Spirit, that I may not hereafter be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; but may fight manfully under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil; and continue his faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end. O Lord, enlighten my understanding, quicken my desires after thee, and increase within my

soul a principle of faith and love towards that blessed Redeemer who loved me and gave himself for me. Grant that all carnal affections may die in me, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in me ; and make me faithful unto death, that at last, for thy mercies' sake, and through the merits of my blessed Saviour, I may be admitted into thy kingdom and glory. Hear me for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, my only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A SHORT PRAYER *for a Young Person*
under Sickness.

O LORD ! thou art a present help in every time of trouble. Thou canst bring low and raise up again. Shouldest thou punish *me* according to the number of *my* sins, *my* misery would be far greater than it is. But thou art very merciful to *me* for thy dear Son's sake, in whom alone *I* can have

hope. O Lord, cleanse *my* soul from all sin through the blood of Christ and the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that whether *I* live, or whether *I* die, *I* may be thine for ever. Help *me* to bear with patience whatever pains thou seest fit to inflict upon *me*. O may *I* remember how *my* blessed Redeemer suffered for *my* sins; and that, as he was tempted in all points like as we are, so he will not suffer his children to be tempted above what he will give them grace to bear. O blessed Lord, help me in my weakness; thou knowest whereof *I* am made; thou canst comfort *my* soul with thy salvation. If it be for *my* good and for thy glory, rebuke *my* disorder, and heal *me*. But if thou shouldest see fit to call *me* from this world of sin and sorrow, O prepare *me* for *my* last great change, and give me a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better. O Lord, *I* am in thy hands; save *me* for thy mercies' sake. *I* am altogether unworthy of the least favour; but hear and answer these *my* prayers, through Jesus Christ, the Lamb

of God, who bled and died for *me*, and who is my only Saviour. *Amen.*

☞ This Prayer, with the slight alteration of the pronouns, from the first person to the third, may be used by *any friend* at the bed-side of the young person who is sick.

A THANKSGIVING

After Recovery from Illness, to be added to the Morning or Evening Prayer.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits! Thou has been very merciful to me, O my God, in my late illness; thou hast eased my pain; thou has healed my disease; thou art renewing my strength. O Lord, my sins have been many, and I deserved to be cut down as a cumberer of the ground: but, blessed be thy name, thou hast spared me in the midst of danger, and hast given me a longer time for repentance. Enable me, O Lord, sincerely to repent of my sins; and let the life which

is now renewed, be a life of faith upon the Son of God. May his name be dearer to me than before, and his cross be my only dependence; and may his love be shed abroad in my heart; that I may, more than ever, flee from youthful desires which war against the soul; that I may die unto sin, and live unto righteousness, and walk in humility, integrity, and heavenly-mindedness. And though I am now restored to health, may my late illness teach me the uncertainty of life, and the vanity of all earthly things. O take off my heart from perishing comforts, and let my affections surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and Glory. *Amen.*

A PRAYER *to be used on entering the Church.*

BLESSED LORD; impress my mind with a solemn sense of thy presence. May thy Holy Spirit assist me in my devotions; and enable me to hear thy word with profit to my soul; through Jesus Christ my Saviour.
Amen.

When the Service is ended.

O LORD, I thank thee for this opportunity of worshipping thee in thy holy temple; pardon the wanderings of my heart; and accept my prayers and thanksgivings. Let thy word be profitable to my soul; and bless me, and all who have waited upon thee; for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

Either at Breakfast, Dinner, or Supper.

BLESS, O LORD, this food to my use, and let it strengthen me for thy service, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING AFTER MEALS.

I THANK thee, O Lord, for the food which I have now received, and for every blessing ; through Jesus Christ my Saviour. *Amen.*

A LITURGY

FOR THE USE OF

SUNDAY AND WEEKLY SCHOOLS.

¶ *Before Prayer a portion selected from the Bible may be read, and a suitable Psalm or Hymn sung by the Children. The Leader shall then read this exhortation.*

My dear Children, before you enter upon your daily business, it is your duty to implore the blessing of Almighty God, your Maker and your Judge. Remember that his all-seeing eye beholds all your thoughts, as well as your actions; and abhors the outward worship of the lips, in which the heart is not engaged. Let this consideration cause you to look up for the influence of the Holy Spirit; that your hearts may be filled with reverence and godly fear; and that you may be enabled through the mediation of

Jesus Christ our Saviour, to worship the great God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Leader. Lift up your hearts.

Children. We lift them up unto the Lord.

L. Lord, open thou our lips.

C. And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

L. O come, let us worship, and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Ps. xcv. 6.

C. For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Ps. lxxxvi. 5.

L. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps. xc. 12.

C. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice, and be glad, all our days. Ps. xc. 14.

L. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. ix. 17.

C. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory. Ps. lxiv. 10.

L. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. xxxiv. 18.

C. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

L. Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things; O God, who is like unto thee? Ps. lxxi. 19.

C. I will go in the strength of the LORD God; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. Ps. lxxxix. 16.

L. *This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. cxviii. 24.

C. *We will go into his tabernacle; we will worship at his footstool. Ps. cxxxii. 7.

L. *How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! Ps. lxxxiv. 1.

C. *For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a door

* These four verses are to be read on Sundays only.

keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm lxxxiv. 10.

L. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L. Let us pray.

¶ *All shall kneel down.*

L. O Lord, hear our prayer.

C. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *The Leader then shall say, all the Children repeating after him,*

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven : Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The Leader alone shall then read these Prayers, the Children following him in their minds, and audibly saying Amen at the end of each Prayer.*

O LORD, our most merciful Redeemer, who didst take up little children in thine arms, and didst bless them; look down graciously on us, and bless us also. We confess that we are miserable sinners; from the youngest to the eldest of us we have erred and strayed from thee like lost sheep. But, O Lord, have mercy on us; turn us and so shall we be turned; and wash away all our guilt in the blood of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

FATHER OF MERCIES, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained praise, fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with love, and our lips with thanksgiving. To thy goodness we owe every blessing we enjoy. Whilst other children are suffering,

hunger and disease, and cold; Thou art succouring us by day and by night, and giving us food, and health, and raiment. We bless thee for these thy mercies toward us; but, above all, we bless thee for the redeeming love of Christ, for all the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Accept these our praises through thy Beloved Son; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.* .

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men. Bless the King and all the Royal Family, (the Parliament*) and all inferior magistrates. Let thy blessing descend also upon the ministers of thy gospel; and may thy kingdom be established in the hearts of all people. Look down in mercy on our relations and friends, and teach them to value thy favour above life

* During the Session.

itself. Finally, we beseech thee to bless us, even us also; help us to improve the hours we spend within these walls; make us obedient to our teachers, and affectionate to our companions.

*[Especially bless us on this holy day. May thy presence accompany us to thy house of prayer; enable us to worship thee in a spiritual manner; and prevent us from being drowsy or forgetful hearers of thy word.]

Open our understandings to understand the holy Scriptures. Endue our souls with every holy disposition, and preserve us from the corruptions and evils which are in the world. We ask every blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

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The following arrangement of portions of the Holy Scriptures is not made with any design to supersede the reading of the sacred volume throughout in regular order. Perhaps the most edifying and instructive method of reading the Word of God in a family, is regularly to go through the New Testament in the morning, and to select parts of the Old in the evening. For occasional use, however, in a family or social circle, the writer humbly hopes that the following selection will not be unacceptable.

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Psaln xix. Psalm cxix., which last may be read in different portions.

(Single texts.)

Deut. xi. 18, 19.	Isaiah viii. 20.	Luke xxiv. 44, 45.
John v. 39.—xx. 31.	Acts xvii. 11.	Rom. xv. 3, 4.
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The FALL OF MAN, and RESTORATION by CHRIST.

Gen. iii. Gen. vi. Rom. iii. Rom. v. Eph. ii.

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John i. 1—12. Col. i. 1—19. Heb. i. 1—14.

The INCARNATION or NATIVITY.

Isaiah ix. 1—8.

(First Lesson for Morning Service on Christmas-day.)

Luke ii. 1—15.

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Phil. ii. 1—15.

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Matt. iv. 1—12. Luke iv. 1—13.

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Psalms xxiv. lxviii. Acts ii. 1—11. Phil. ii. 1—16.

The DIVINITY and PERSONALITY of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts v. 1—11. John xvi. 1—15.

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John xiv. Acts ii.

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Eph. ii. 18. 2 Thess. iii. 5. 1 John v. 7.

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- JESUS converses with Nicodemus about the new birth, and faith in himself John iii. 1—22.
- He discourses with a woman of Samaria about the object and nature of spiritual worship John iv. 1—42.
- He delivers the sermon on the mount*, Matt. v. vi. vii., *in which*
- He pronounces blessings on certain characters Matt. v. 1—16.
- He establishes the moral law, and vindicates it from the false glosses that had been put upon it Matt. v. 17—48.
- He gives his disciples some cautions respecting alms-deeds, prayer and fasting; and teaches them the LORD'S PRAYER Matt. vi. 1—18.
- He inculcates the preference of heavenly to earthly treasure Matt. vi. 19—34.
- He warns them not to pass rash censures upon others, but to be earnest in prayer; and points out the difficulty of getting to heaven Matt. vii. 1—14.
- He shows the danger of false teachers, and false profession; and makes an application of the sermon Matt. vii. 14—29.
- He sends out his twelve apostles, and instructs them concerning their services, and sufferings Matt. x. 1—42.
- He answers the disciples sent by John the Baptist; and reproves the multitude for rejecting John and himself Matt. xi. 1—19.
- He upbraids the cities for their impenitence; and invites the weary sinner to come to him for rest Matt. xi. 20—30.

- He answers the blasphemous cavils of the Scribes and Pharisees, who imputed the miracles that he wrought to the power of Beelzebub Matt. xii. 22—37.
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- He reproves the Pharisees for their superstition and hypocrisy; and states what does and what does not defile a man Mark vii. 1—23.
- He foretels his sufferings and resurrection; rebukes Peter; and teaches his disciples that they must bear their cross Matt. xvii. 13—28.
- He blesses young children Mark x. 13—16.
- He cautions his disciples against the temptation of riches Mark x. 17—27.
- He shows them the advantages of suffering for the Gospel's sake; and foretels his own sufferings and resurrection Mark x. 28—34.
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“ Search the SCRIPTURES, for in them ye think ye have eternal
 “ life, and they are they which testify of ME.” (*Saith the Lord Jesus*
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